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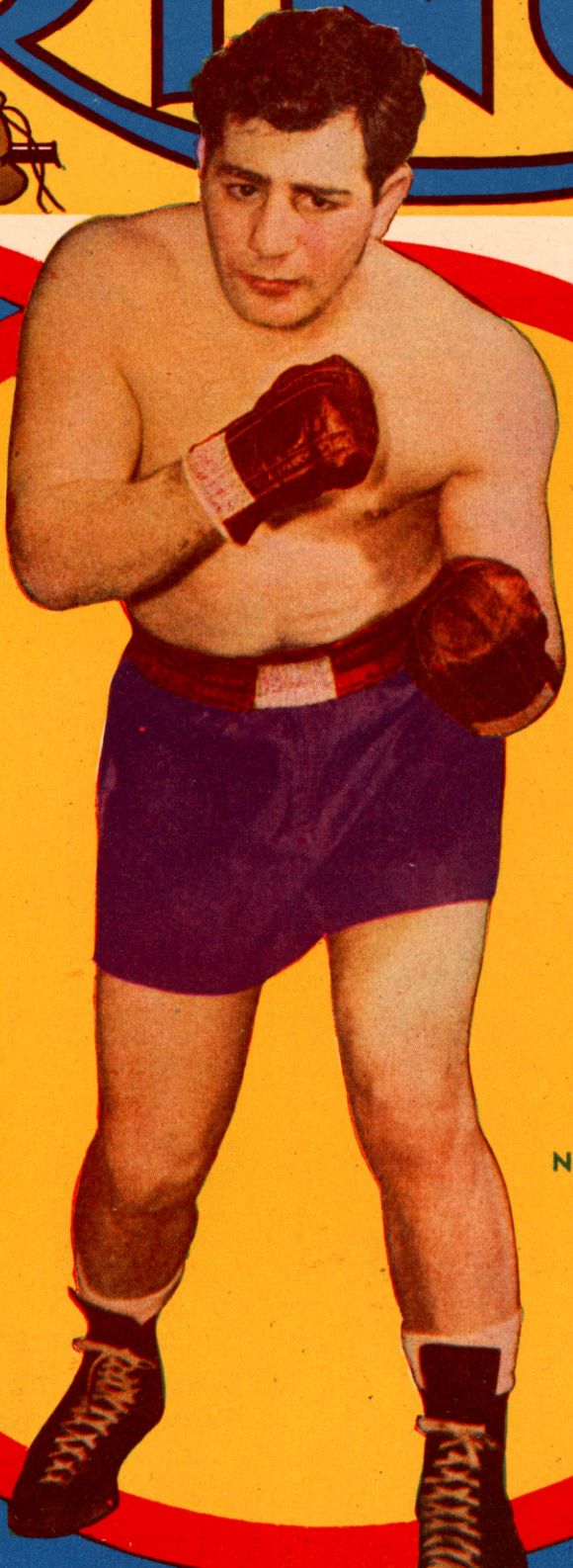

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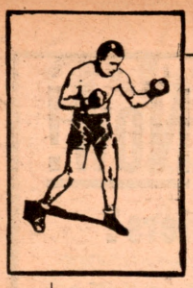

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The middleweight division is occupying the fistic spotlight because of the great scrap put on at the Yankee Stadium recently between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano. New England had a great array of outstanding men in that division, among them being the famous Sullivan boys, Mike and Jack. You'll get a good idea of their prowess in "Shadows of the Past," by Right Cross.

Are you enjoying our new feature, "From the Oldtimer's Scrap Book?" Judging by the letters received by The Editor, the stories about the "Good Old Days" seem to hit the bull's eye. There's another interesting number of items in the latest contribution that should hold your attention.

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The FIGHTING FURY REPEATS

Joe Louis Tags Mauriello for the Count in Yankee Stadium Thriller— The Challenger, Though Knocked Out, Gains in Prestige by His Performance

By "THE RING EDITOR"

THE FIGHTING FURY—that's what was on exhibition at the Yankee Stadium when Joe Louis made his twenty-third successful defense of the world heavyweight championship by knocking out Tami Mauriello in 2:09 of the opening round. Only once before had the Brown Bomber displayed "the killer instinct" to such extent as he did against the Bronx challenger and on that occasion, the second bout with Max Schmeling, Louis ended the mill in 2:04, five seconds sooner than he did his most recent bout.

Tami came out fighting as he said he would and by so doing, he helped boxing regain what it had lost in the Louis-Conn affair. He declared prior to the bout that he would take a chance on scoring a kayo by slugging it out with the Brown Bomber, and he made good with a vengeance though it proved a most costly gamble. Had he chosen to follow in the footsteps of Conn, he would have lasted much longer but he never would have carried away the praises of the 38,494 fight fans who paid $335,063 to see him go after the crown. Defeated though he was, he added to his prestige by his performance.

The average fight fan doesn't mind a quick kayo provided that knockout is brought about through the medium of action on the part of both contestants and that's why those who attended the Mauriello-Louis mill left the Yankee Stadium singing the praises of conqueror and conquered. The squawks that followed the Conn-Louis bout were not in evidence. A happy, well pleased fight clientele left the Stadium talking about the punch that almost put Louis away.

They recalled the famous fight between Luis Firpo and Jack Dempsey, the bout in which Dempsey was knocked over the ropes and they felt sorry for Tami that he had missed duplicating that feat with Louis by a hairline. Only the fact that Joe caught hold of the ropes as he fell against them in a neutral corner, saved him from taking a trip out of the ring following the powerful right that landed on the champ's jaw.

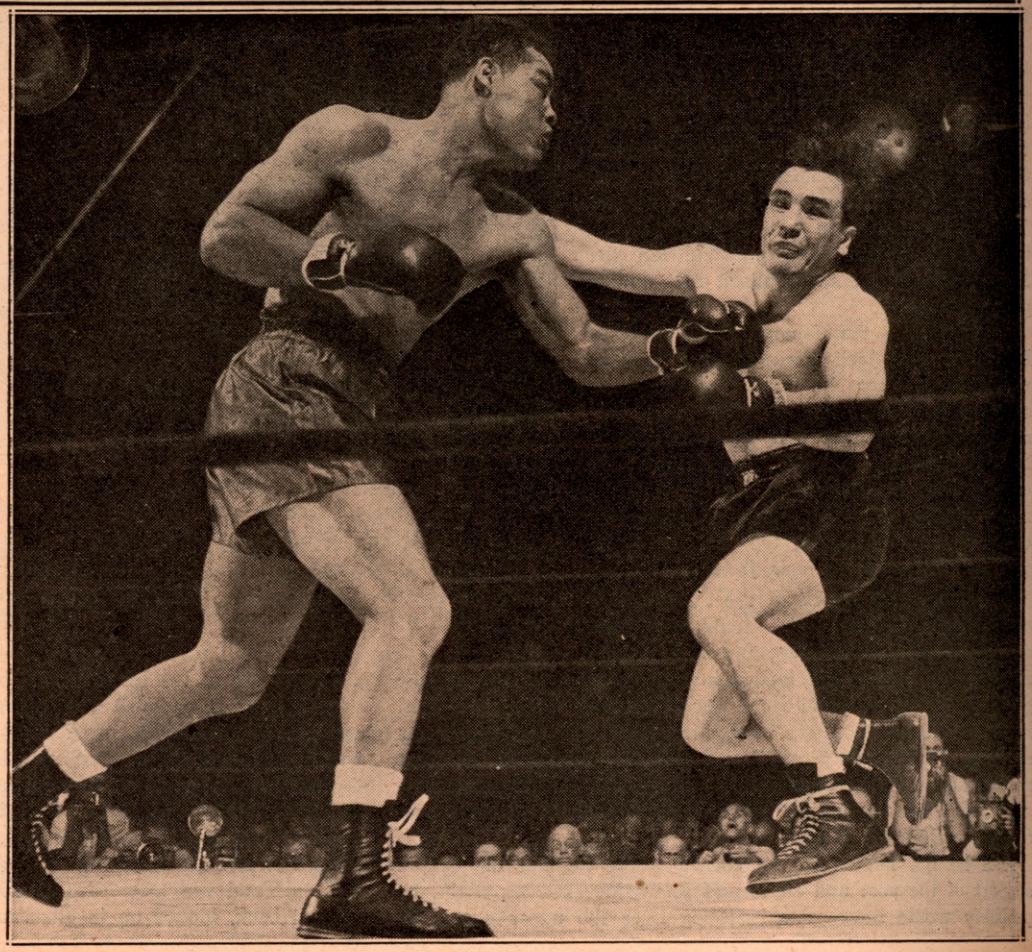
Top—A flabbergasted heavyweight champion wobbles across the ring as Joe Louis tries to keep himself from falling to the canvas after Tami Mauriello landed a powerful right to the jaw, the first blow struck in their fight.
Below—Louis finally reaches the ropes and with a peculiar look in his eyes, he faces Tami. The New Yorker, just as much surprised at what he had done as was the champ at what had happened to him, halts momentarily, just long enough to give the Bomber a chance to recover and come out fighting like a wounded tiger.

It was the first punch of the fight and it came so quickly and unexpectedly, that both the champion and the spectators were dumbfounded. The punch had landed in the wink of an eye and the gloved fist struck with all the power of Mauriello's weight behind it. So terrific a wallop was it, that it spun Louis sideways across the ring. He tried desperately to regain his balance, but without success as he staggered about the ring, eyes blinking, legs unsteady and arms swinging. It seemed that Joe would go down from the effects of that haymaker.

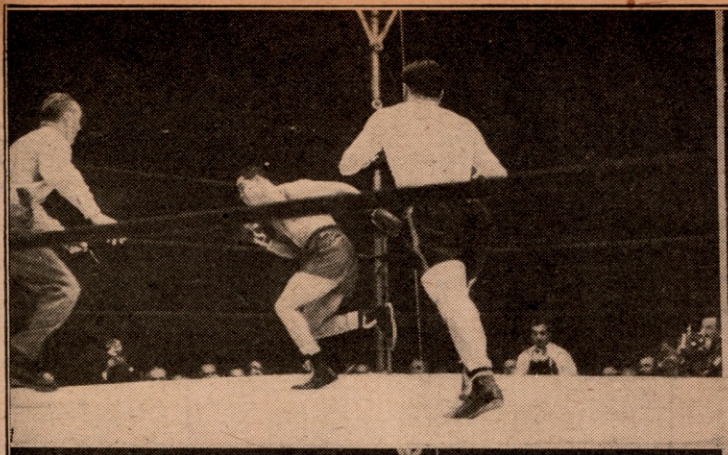
Had he not landed in the corner where he had the double support of the post and ropes and finally checked his flight, he probably would have gone headlong over the upper strand as did Dempsey in the Firpo fight. Joe landed in neutral territory with feet off the ground and in a sideways position. For a few seconds, it looked like a new champion might be crowned. The cheers that rent the air indicated how that huge gathering felt towards the lonesome underdog, the man who entered the ring at 198¾ pounds, 12¾ pounds less than the defending title holder and was quoted at odds of 15 to 1. It was a great spot for the challenger and all but Tami appreciated the situation.

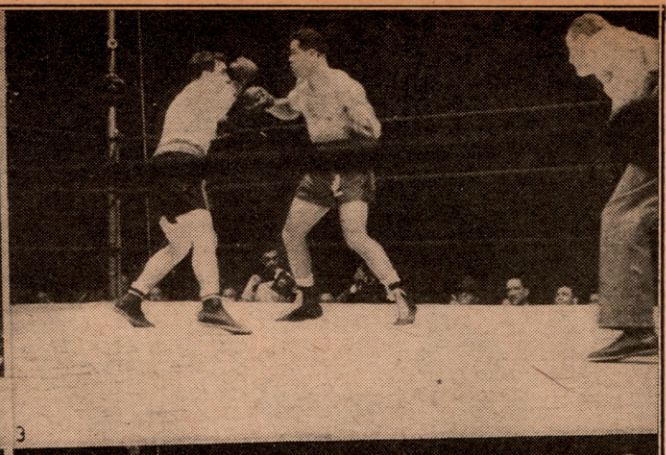
Even Tami was astonished at what he had accomplished. He stepped back, looked on in amazement and finally realized that

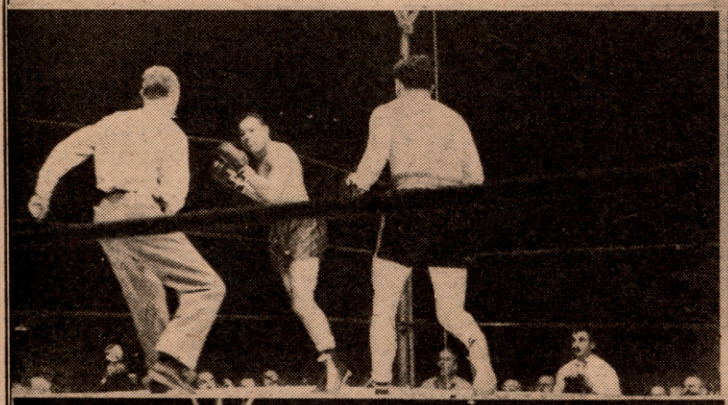
Above—The second right hand wallop that caused Joe Louis' knees to buckle. This and the first punch which almost downed the champ, were the only effective ones landed by the challenger. Note Joe's eyes closed. Had Tami followed his advantage after each of these punches connected, he might have downed the champ. Those two wallops were the thrillers of the fight.

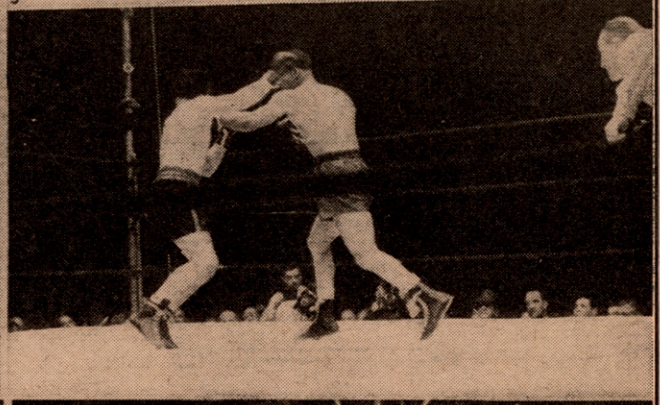


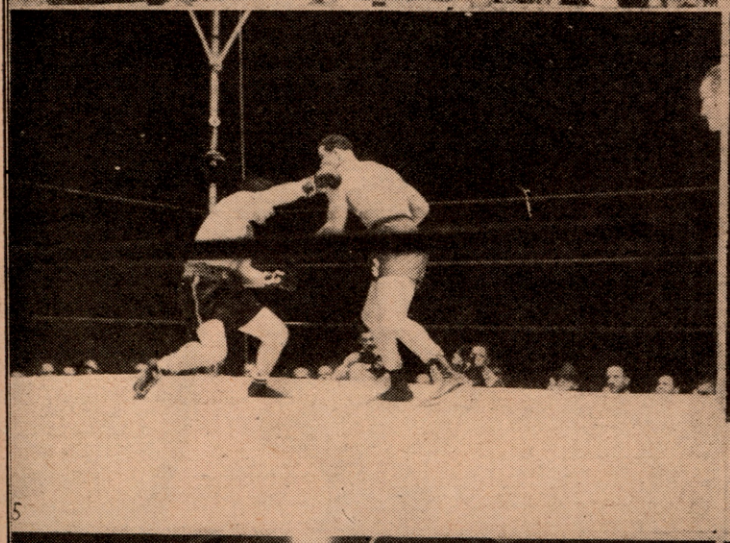
The prize picture of the fight. This shows Tami with both feet off the ground after Louis' left had crashed against the challenger's jaw. It was the first time the Brown Bomber has accomplished that in any of his fights.

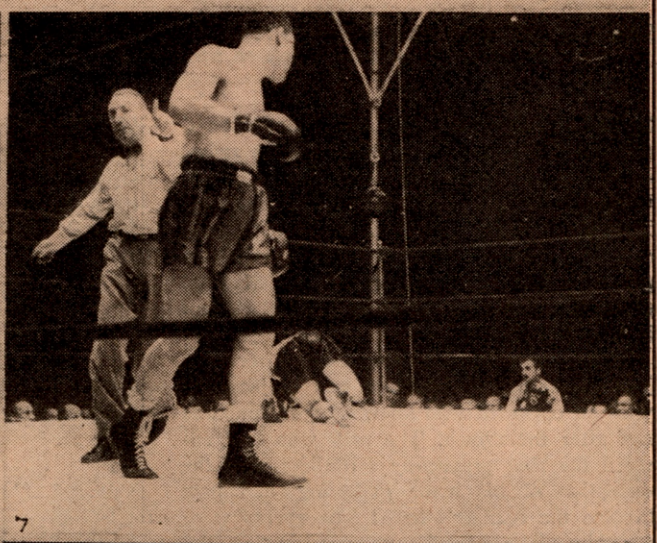


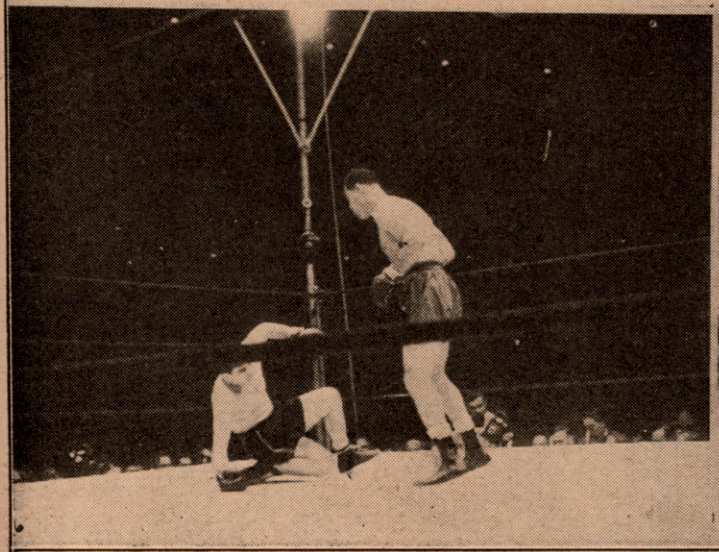


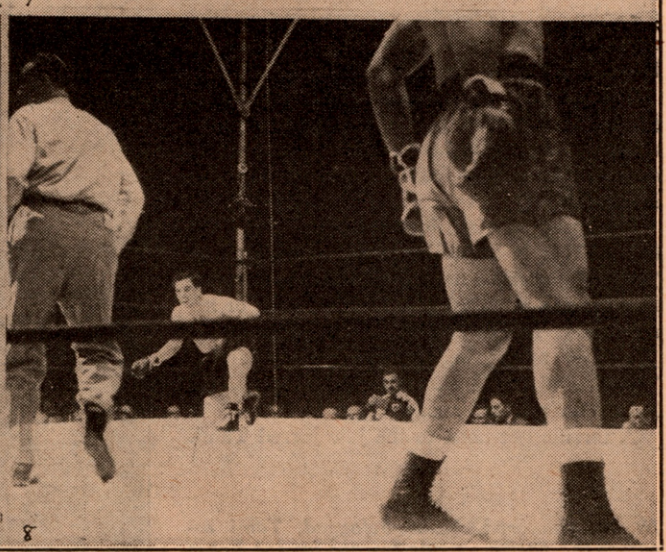




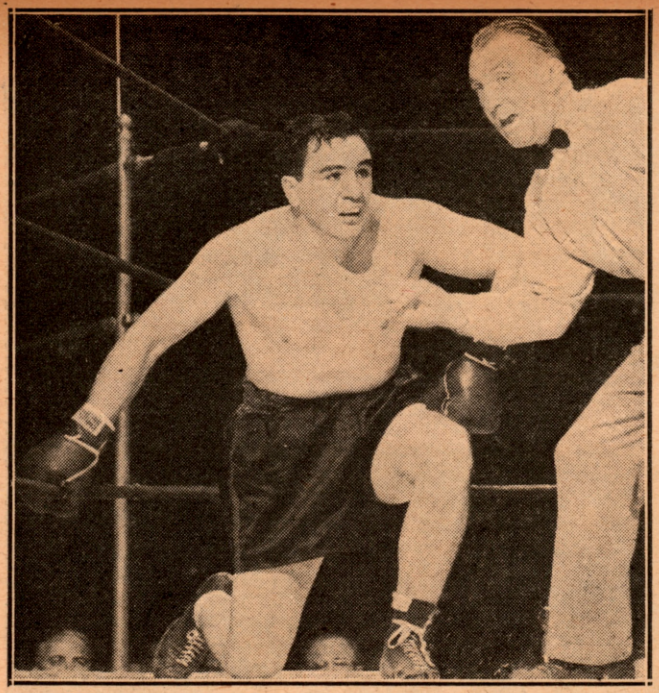




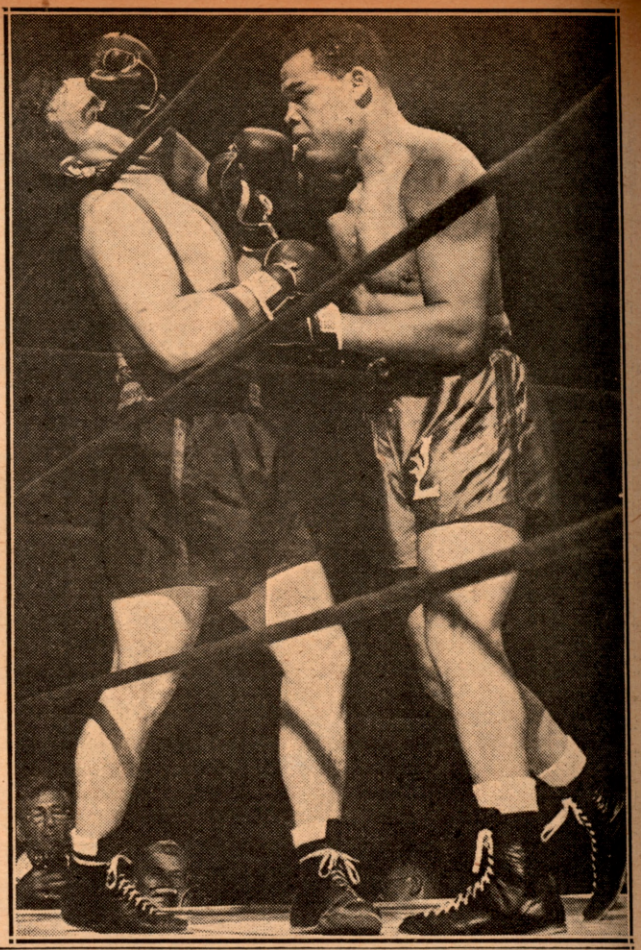




When Tami tagged Joe and got tagged right back again for his first trip to the canvas. Tami walked right out and landed what looked like a sure haymaker on Joe's chin. Note the wobbly champ as he travels across the ring towards the ropes. But it didn't take long for the champ to even matters by dropping the challenger for a nine count.



Arthur Donovan, back in action after a long layoff, counts nine as Tami is about to leap to his feet following the first knockdown.



The Brown Bomber surprises as he fouls Tami by heeling him shortly after Tami gets to his feet.

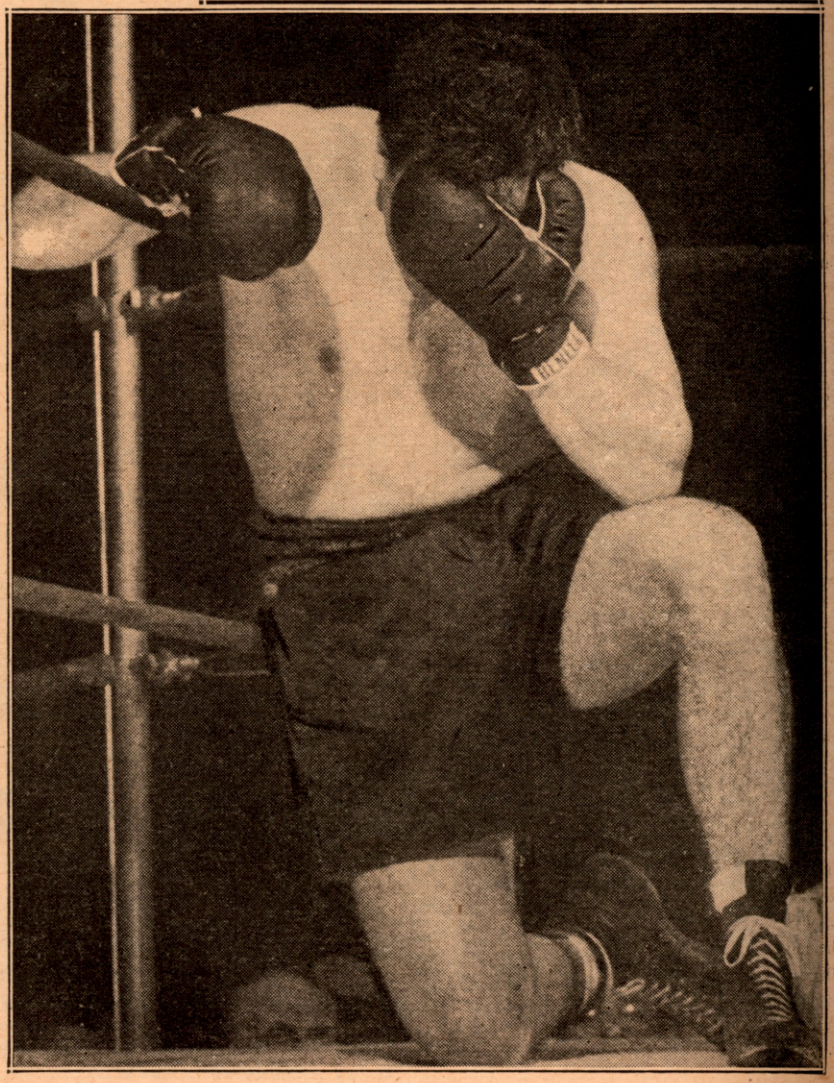
he had struck a blow that was heard around the world through the medium of the radio, sponsored by the Gillette Razor Company and broadcast by Bill Corum and Don Dunphy. That bit of hesitation proved costly to Mauriello. It gave the champ just enough time to get back into fighting harness and what he did to Tami to even the score for that wallop, is ring history.

There was no escape from Louis after that. He had seen red. His title was in jeopardy with an opponent who knew no fear, and was hot after the crown. The man who had entered the ring practically friendless with the exception of his home gathering, had now become the evening's hero! The cheers were for him. The crowd was rooting for the underdog to follow his advantage. Tami tried but met with failure.

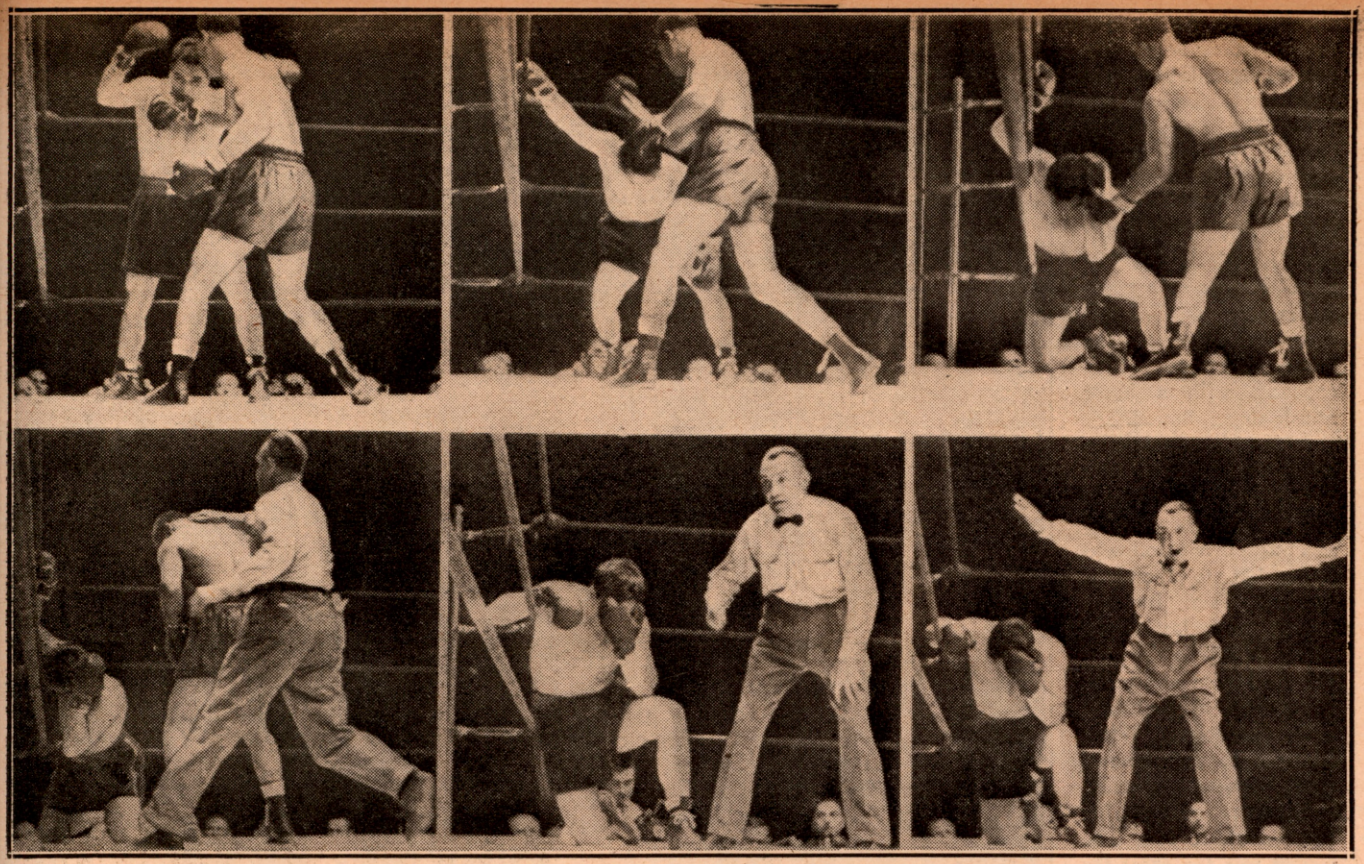
The licking he received for that single punch, was one that only the most courageous could endure. From here on it was the "tiger-man" Louis performing. There was no letup in his attack.

Viciously, moving forward, attacking with a snarl that indicated his anger at taking that "sucker" punch as he called it in his dressing room, Louis pounded the body and face of his adversary. It was left and right, first to the jaw then to the body, punches that carried T.N.T. Only once after that initial blow, did Mauriello unleash another like it.

A terrific left hook to the jaw jarred Tami.



Nerves shattered, brain befogged, Tami assumes the position made famous by Joe Louis when he was dropped for the count by Max Schmeling in their first battle. Mauriello couldn't get to his feet and was counted out by Arthur Donovan.



A right to the jaw, a jarring left and down goes Tami for the full count. The above scenes, caught by the magic eye, show the sequence in the final moments of the thrilling battle. Donovan, after leading Louis to a neutral corner, starts the count that ends the mill.

Then came a right that toppled the challenger close to the neutral corner. He was on his knees and listened intently to Knockdown Timekeeper Eddie Joseph as the seconds were tolled off.

At the count of five he started to rise then changed his mind and took full advantage of the count. Without any interruption, Joseph continued to nine when Tami reached an upright position.

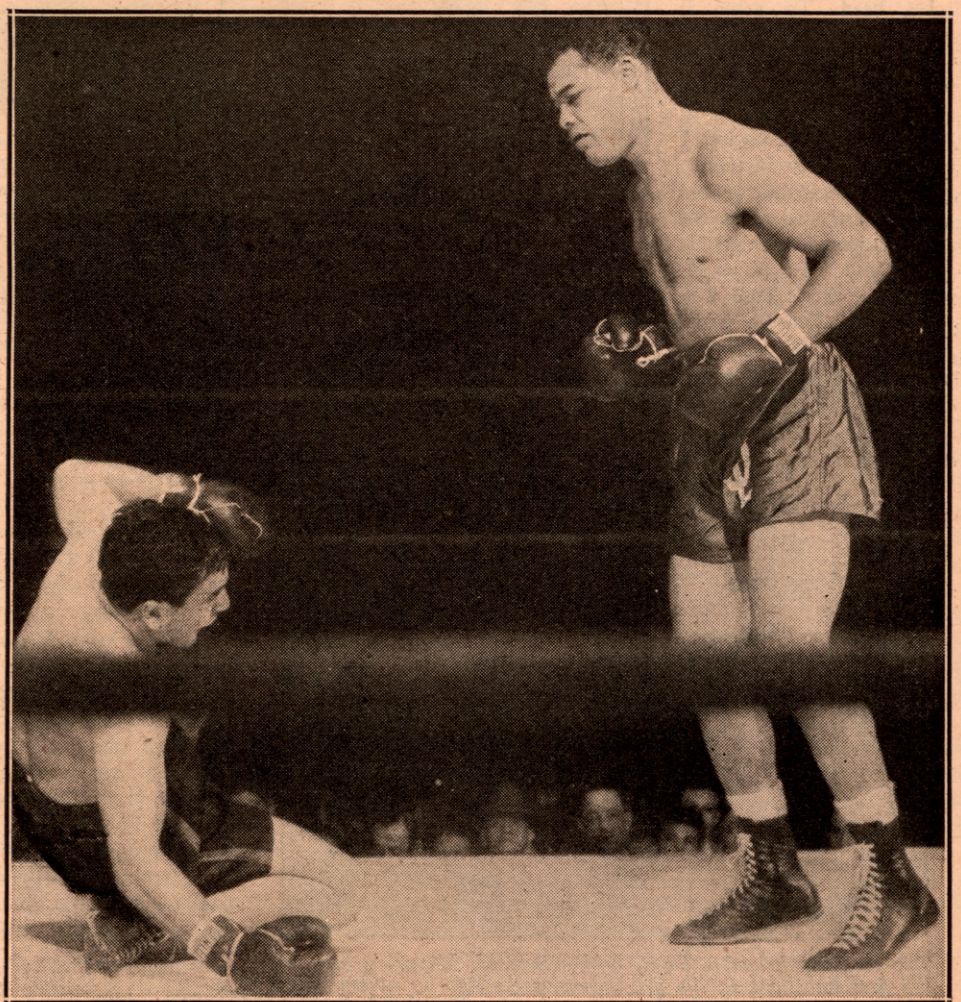
That knockdown was scored in 1:37 and already the throng at the Stadium had seen more action than in all of the Louis-Conn battle.

Louis wasted no time. He seemed desperate to make a quick ending of it as he realized he had no sucker facing him. "Tami would 'die' with his boots on," Joe was cautioned and he heeded that caution properly.

Suddenly Mauriello, who had been trying to cover up to avoid the severe punishment, came out of his defensive shell and unleashed a powerful left hook. The blow caught the champ on the jaw and he winced. It had jarred him as indicated by his wobbly legs.

That was followed by a short right to the jaw that staggered Joe but thereafter it was all Louis's fight. Never again did Mauriello have a chance to do any damage. He had all he could do to keep the flying fists of the title holder from annihilating him.

The excitement grew as blow after blow was landed and it became obvious that Tami was doomed for a



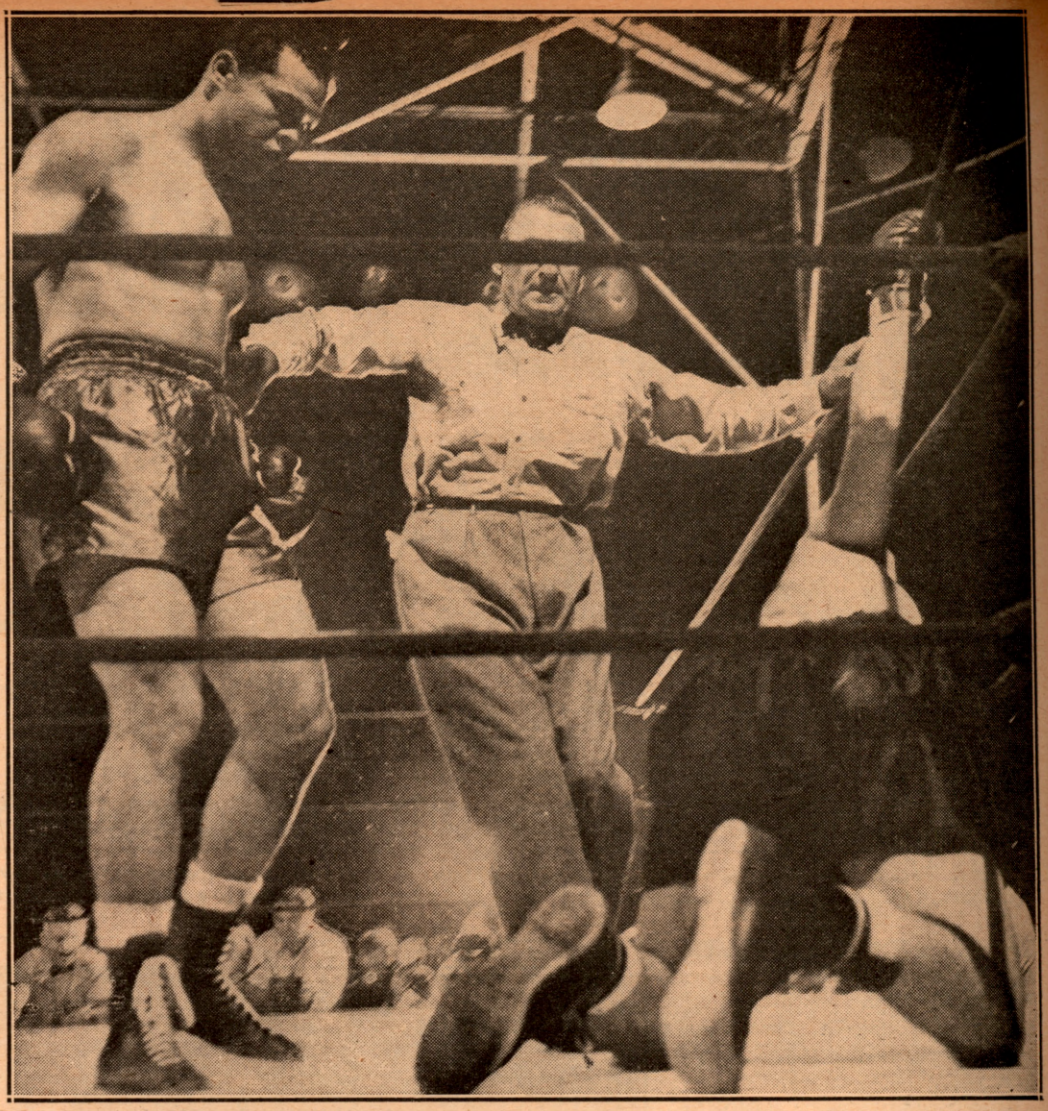
This photo shows how Mauriello landed when sent to the canvas for the initial knockdown.

one round kayo. Joe pressed the issue. He drove Mauriello about the ring connecting all the time with smashing punches. Joe missed one that would have been a humdinger had it reached the target. That muff angered Joe probably more than did the opening wallop that almost dropped him, and the champ took it out on his opponent with a bitter attack that followed.

A left to the jaw, a right that struck with T.N.T. effect, a left hook and a bombardment of short-arm drives followed by a left to the jaw, dropped Tami for the second and last time. When he fell to the canvas, he landed much like Louis did in his first fight with Schmeling. When he tried to pull himself erect, somehow, though he pulled on the ropes, his body wouldn't rise. The weight was too great for what Tami had undergone.

The challenger shook his head. To some it seemed he was attempting to clear it, while others remarked after the fight that he shook it as if to say, "'Tis no use, I cannot go any further."

Tami crossed his gloved fists on the ropes as the count neared five and his head fell forward as in a praying position. At this point, the New Yorker's pose was much like that which Joe Louis had assumed when he was knocked out by Max Schmeling. The count continued to ten, when Arthur Donovan waved his hands in signal of a knockout.



The champ looks on, as Tami hits the canvas for the second and last time in their Yankee Stadium championship bout. Arthur Donovan rushes to the aid of the victim and keeps Louis away from his prey. Tami held on to the upper strand and tried to pull himself to his feet but failed.

It was a short and sweet fight, one that won't be so quickly forgotten by those who attended. It was the kind of battle the public likes to see.

They can talk about the poor calibre of the opposition in Joe Louis' case, and how superior the old-timers were to the present heavyweight king, but the fact remains that the Brown Bomber has done what no other title holder before him had accomplished. He has successfully defended his crown as often as have all his predecessors combined and unlike most of those who came before him, he doesn't duck the issue, no matter who the opponent. Doubtless some of the other champs could have taken Joe, but there isn't one who wouldn't have had a battle on his hands.

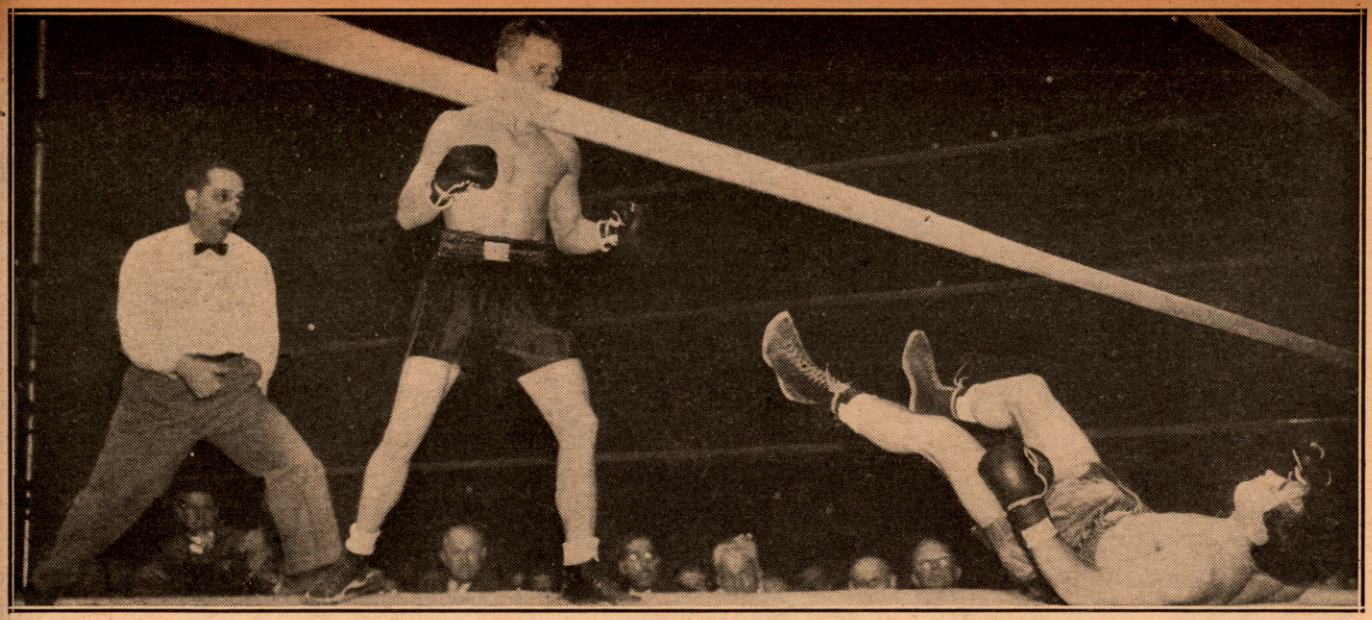
Promoter Mike Jacobs pulled a smart stunt when he opened the upper section of the Stadium to the everyday fan who cannot afford to pay top prices for admission. He scaled that section at three dollars and by so doing, added another $50,000 to the gate. Tops was $30.

Joe continues to stand supreme. There isn't a fighter in the field who is worthy of challenging the champ. None of the first ten rated boxers could last more than a few rounds with the Bomber unless Joe so wills it. The most lucrative bout, of course, would be a Louis-Bruce Woodcock mill in England but the result would be no different.

Here is the financial breakdown of the fight:

Attendance—38,494; Louis' share—$103,611; Gross receipts—$335,463; Mauriello's share—$38,854; Net receipts—$259,029; Federal Tax—$59,486; State Tax—$15,617.

The weeping brigade—Tami, broken-hearted, his pride hurt at his first knockout in his pro career, cries bitterly as his chief trainer, Al Silvani (left) tries to console him. Mauriello's brother Alf (right), joins in the shedding of tears.



Rocky Graziano is toppled by a left hook thrown by Tony Zale in the first round of their middleweight championship encounter at the Yankee Stadium. The Rock, more surprised than hurt, arose at six and took command for the rest of the round.

ROCKY *meets his* MASTER

With Victory in Hand, Graziano Is Dropped for Count by Tony Zale in Thrilling, Vicious Bout for World Middleweight Title— Right Under Heart Followed by Left to Jaw, Ends Contest at Yankee Stadium

By NAT FLEISCHER

IN AS SAVAGE a brawl as has been seen in a championship fight in many years, an affair that was a throwback to the bare-knuckle era of slashing, brutal slugging, Tony Zale proved his right to occupy the throne on which sat such immortals as Mysterious Billy Smith, Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb and Bob Fitzsimmons, by scoring a sixth round knockout over Rocky Graziano in the Yankee Stadium. 39,827 persons had flocked to the home of the Yankees in anticipation of seeing a slugging match, but little did they expect that they would see two bulldogs tear into each other as they were unleashed at the clang of the opening gong and gave an exhibition of socking the likes of which have not been surpassed in any battle in many years.

The underdog, Tony Zale, came through and by his victory, he proved his right to a place among the high ranking middleweight kings of all time. The spectators who had paid a gross of $324,497 to see the shindig, left the stadium singing the praises of victor and vanquished with the remarkable performance of Zale receiving the greater attention. Tony, on the brink of defeat on several occasions, battered in the fifth round so badly he could scarcely get to his corner, his rubbery legs barely able to keep the champ in an erect position, demonstrated that with a fighting heart and the spirit to carry on even under the most adverse conditions, there is always a chance to turn defeat into victory.

Most of the spectators didn't concede Tony that chance after the terrific beating he got in the fifth round. It didn't seem possible that he could go any further. But the champ apparently thought otherwise. In a pre-fight interview he declared that he expected to stop the challenger in the sixth session and his prediction came true despite the fact that he had broken a bone in his thumb as early as the second round.

Tony also bled badly from the mouth and nose, the result of a merciless barrage from Graziano's hammerlike fists.

A RIGHT under the heart did the trick, though a left to the side of the cheek near the temple was the finishing blow. Many of the scribes viewed the most devastating punch of the fight, the one that preceded the kayo wallop, as a right to the solar plexus but they erred in their description. The punch that knocked out Jim Corbett and made famous the Fitzsimmons solar plexus blow, was a left to the body and there was no similarity between that and the one that put Rocky Graziano out of commission.

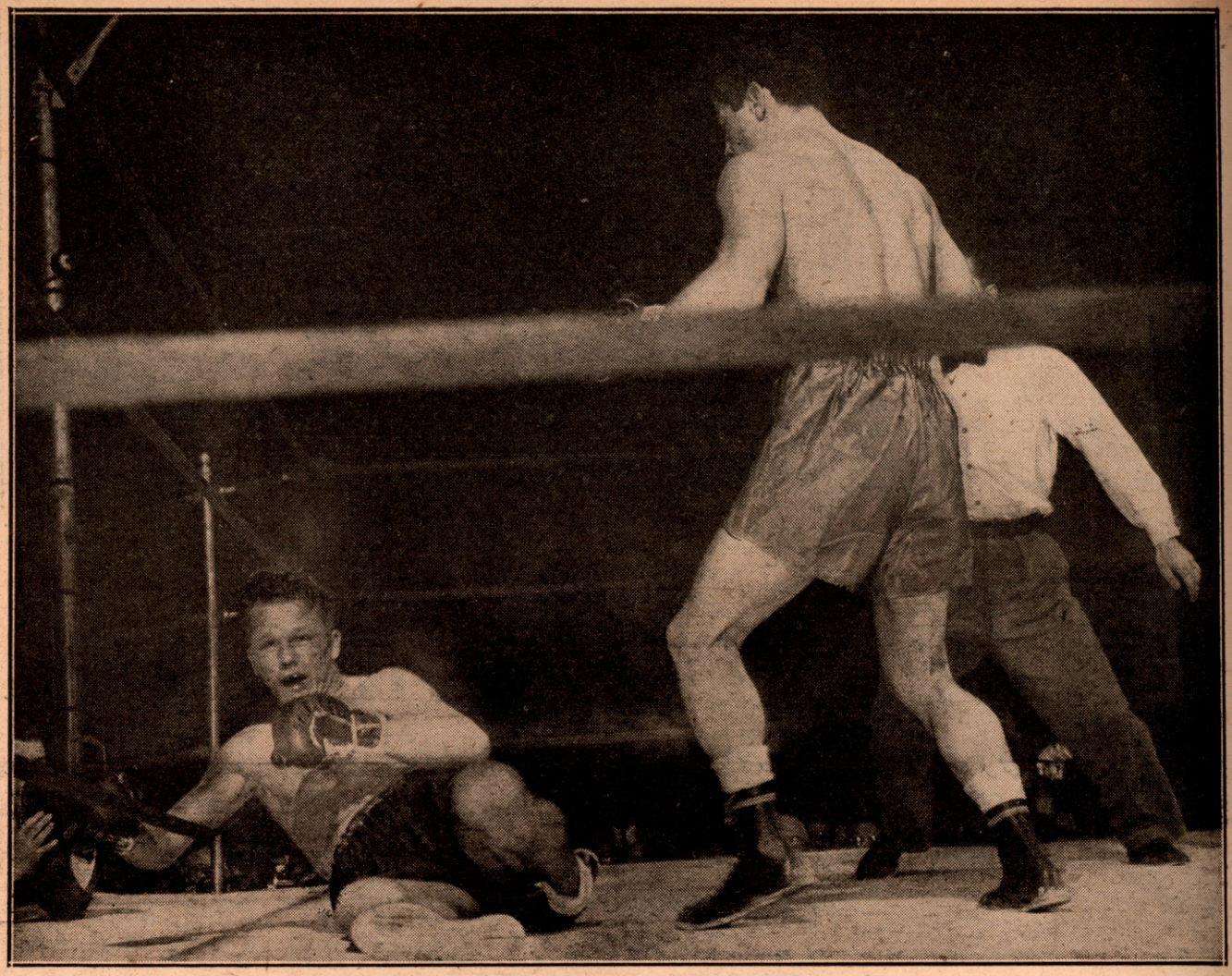
Until Zale connected with the haymaker that took all the wind out of his cocky and over-confident challenger, Rocky looked like a sure winner but one minute and 43 seconds after the heart punch had done its damage, the Gary, Indiana, titleholder was the victor by a kayo, and still the world middleweight king! He had accomplished what seemed only a few minutes previously, as the impossible!

Only 60 seconds before he was sent out for the sixth round, his handlers had worked over him frantically in an effort to prepare him for the coming frame. They doused his head with cold water, applied ice to his neck, massaged his legs and slapped his face to make certain he knew what was going on.

They realized what that gathering of 39,827 persons was thinking. "It's the last round for the champ," was the thought running through the minds of those fans, but that was not apparently the opinion of his chief seconds, Sam Pian, Art Winch and Ray Arcel.

They knew their man! They had been with him through fights where Tony had been dropped one or more times to come back for a kayo triumph and as the bell sounded for the sixth session, almost in unison, the trio shouted, "This is it, Tony, go get it!"

And get it he did! Like a shot from a gun, came that right of Zale's as Graziano came sailing into him to deliver a right for



Now it's Graziano's turn. The East Side challenger looked like a sure winner as he hammered the bleeding titleholder to the deck in the second round. The bell sounded a welcome respite for Zale as he wobbled on one knee at the count of three.

the head that missed. That clout followed by the left to the cheek, close to the temple, dropped Rocky to his knees.

He looked bewildered. "What was going on," he seemed to ask, as he turned about and scanned the ringside.

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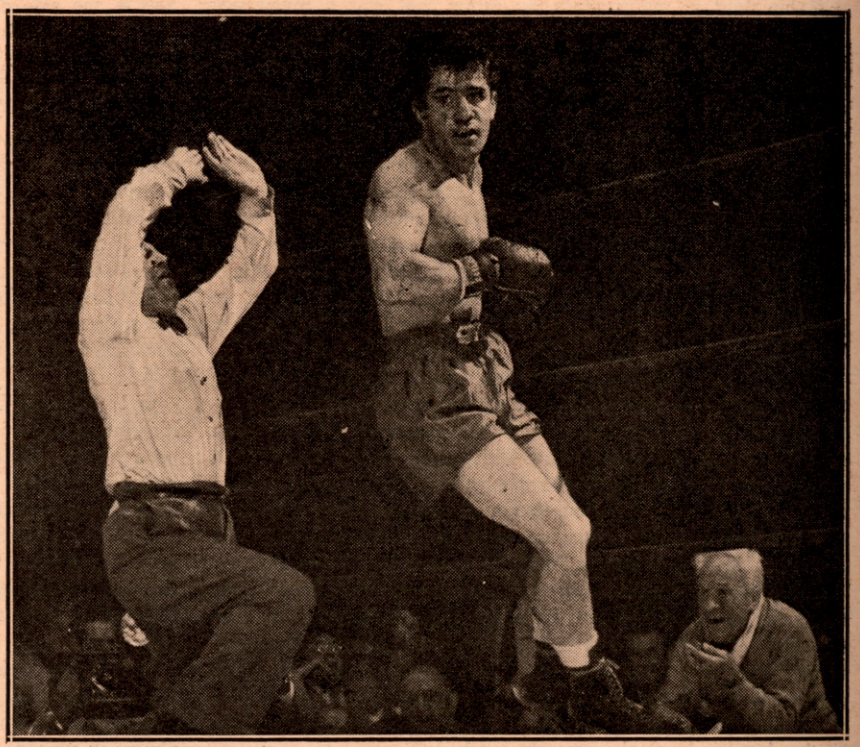
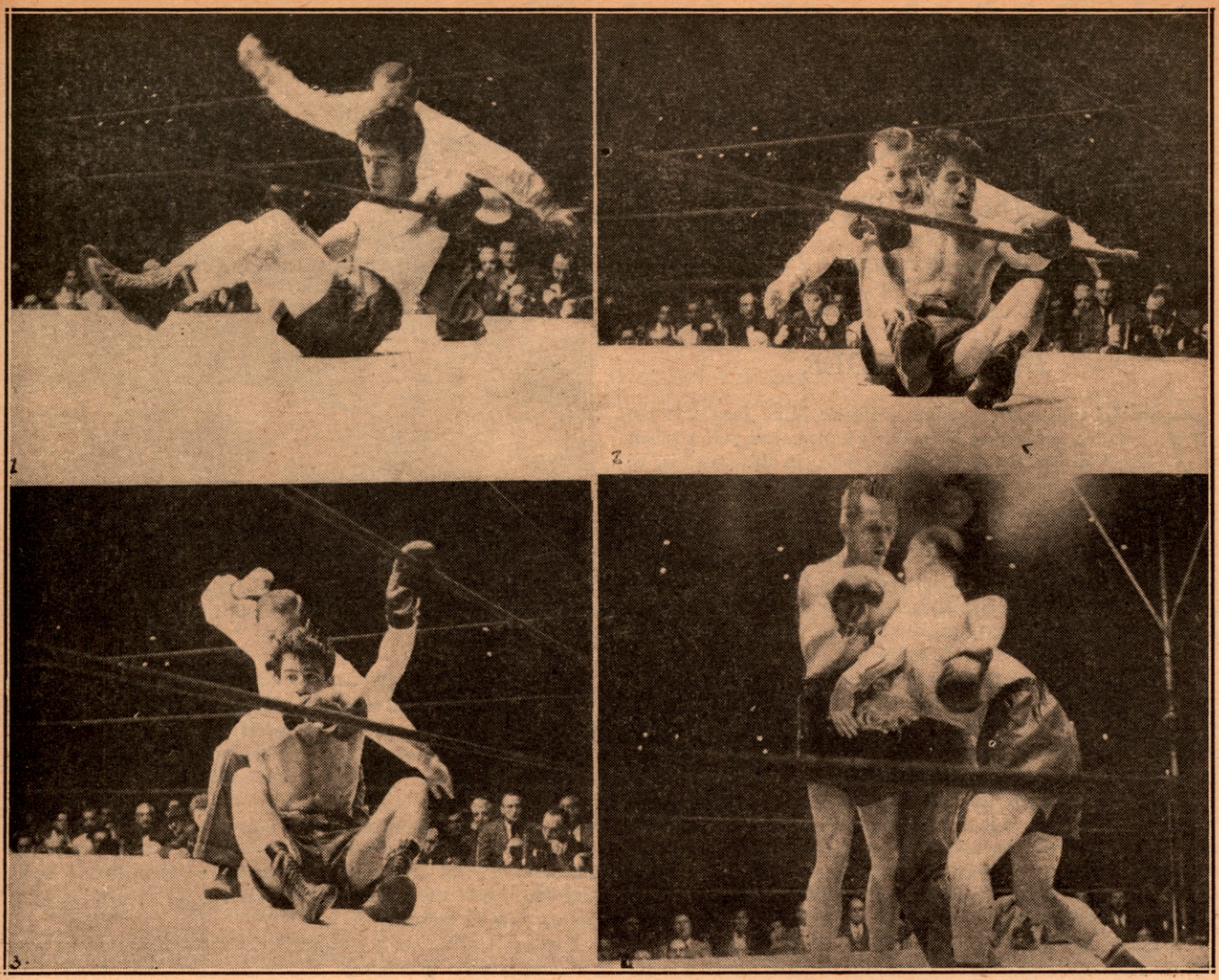
THE lethal wallop numbed the challenger. He tried to get to his feet but somehow he couldn't raise himself though he had grasped the lower ropes. He was on the canvas in a sitting posture near Tony's corner and looked at Referee Ruby Goldstein with dazed eyes.

The count proceeded above him in unison with Johnny Burns, the knockdown timer, and the referee tolling off the fateful seconds. Rocky, who first had grabbed the lower strand, succeeded in grasping the upper one as the count proceeded and he seemed perfectly aware of what was going on. He had not lost consciousness. The kayo smashes had merely numbed his body to such an extent that, try as he did, he couldn't gather sufficient strength to raise himself to an erect position.

At nine, Rocky was alert. It then seemed that he would beat the count of the doleful decimal. He was rising and with one great effort, he leaped to his feet but not until



Graziano, the beaten East Sider, is on his feet, following his second knockdown, and veers toward Zale but it's all over, Ruby Goldstein, referee, signifies, while knockdown timekeeper, Johnny Burns, brings down the hammer for the fatal ten.



Here the camera vividly portrays the knockout of the gallant Graziano. A sharp left hook has just deposited Rocky on the canvas in the sensational sixth round. Photo at upper left shows Referee Ruby Goldstein starting his count. Upper right: Goldstein, the top referee in this state, gives Graziano every advantage to hear the count above the roar of the crowd as he kneels behind the local slugger and shouts into his ear. Rocky sits and clutches at the rope as if in a dream. Lower left: Still somewhat dazed, Graziano paws at the middle strand trying desperately to rise. Lower right: Referee Goldstein gets between the uncomprehending challenger and the champion after Graziano had rushed at Zale in a futile attempt to continue fighting.

after Ruby Goldstein had waved his arms, signifying that he had completed the ten count and the fight was over.

For a moment, Rocky didn't think so. He rushed at his adversary to resume the battle but the alert Goldstein, one of our best officials, leaped forth as he had done on a similar occasion when Rocky knocked out Harold Green, and pinning the arms of Graziano to his sides, Ruby held Rocky until the challenger's seconds took command.

It was all over! The champion, badly whipped in three of the five previous rounds, the recipient of a terrific shellacking, had come through with bells on! He had accomplished the unexpected! He had shattered the hopes of the challenger to gain a spot in the fistic firmament as another Stanley Ketchel!

If ever a fighter deserved that honor, Zale was the man. He showed in those six rounds of the most vicious fighting seen in New York in years, that he possessed all the attributes of a truly great ring gladiator. Like Ketchel, he had the fighting heart, the punch, the ability to take it and dish it out and the fighting spirit that only the iron-hearted ringmen display.

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GOLDSTEIN had counted Rocky out but there were many, including ringside scribblers, who thought that the New Yorker had received a fast count. Such, however, was not the case. As usual, I had two watches on the fight and my timepieces showed ten and three-tenth seconds. Rocky had lost out by a fraction of a second. The count had been clearly tolled.

When he finally realized that his attempt to win the world crown had failed, with a sheepish grin, Rocky, in full possession of his faculties, left the ring amidst wild cheers that rent the air for the hero of the evening, the defending titleholder. Zale, bleeding from the mouth, his thumb fractured, the claret flowing from his nose and cuts on several parts of his face, sat in his chair while his handlers patted and congratulated him.

The fighting champion who had refused to crumple before the onslaught of this devastating hitter, had lived up to the tradition of his division, one of the greatest in pugilism. He had come back from the brink of defeat to win a glorious victory.

The power of his punch was exhibited early in the first round when he dropped Graziano with a right uppercut and a left hook to the jaw for a count of four. That near kayo punch seemed to act as a stimulator for the challenger. Rocky tore into his rival with a vengeance and made a furious bid for the crown.

That he failed to annex the title was due to the fact that in Tony he met a scrapper who was not afraid of him and who was his superior in ring generalship, a more seasoned and better fighter and a sturdier opponent under heavier punishment.

In Graziano, Zale found a crude, savage, primitive fighting man, whose sole asset is a powerful punch. When stung, Rocky sailed in and tossed blows from all angles. He fought back with the fury of a demon, lashing out with paralyzing fists, yet the fighting spirit that carried Zale to the top *(Continued on page 35)*

What Now for Joe Louis?

The Brown Bomber, Having Disposed of Conn and Mauriello, Finds Field at Lowest Ebb in Ring History

By SID FEDER

THE time has come for Promoter Mike Jacobs to put on his turban and his swami's kimona and pull a rabbit out of the hat again. The rabbit, in this case, is, of course, some swatter who can be served up to Joe Louis in January or February, when the Brown Bomber leaves his golf and his tavern-keeping long enough to go back to the business of busting beaks in order to put some meat on the table.

Having disposed of Billy Conn and Tami Mauriello, Joe looks over the situation now and finds not a single outstanding contender who can be the party of the second part for his mid-winter frolic.

Of course, there are three or four thumpers around and about who could be dressed up to look like challengers and sent in there for the Bomber to pitch at—fellows like Jersey Joe Walcott or Elmer (the Violent) Ray or British champion Bruce Woodcock or Joe Baksi, the clouting coal-miner.

Even Conn wants another chance and says he is willing to fight for nothing to get it. But after his waltz of last June, it is not likely Mike will be asking the orchestra to strike up the same tune again for another spin very soon.

But Mike has to keep most of these candidates all polished up and breathing for another six months, so that one of them will be available for Joe's outdoor showing next summer, which, naturally, means a lot more to the health of Mike's bank account than the mid-winter indoor doings.

And, things being what they are among the heavyweights these days, it isn't likely any strong young stranger will come down the pike between now and, say, next June, around whom a big gate might be built up, or who could even be made ready by then to be called a challenger. Not, surely, at the current prices.

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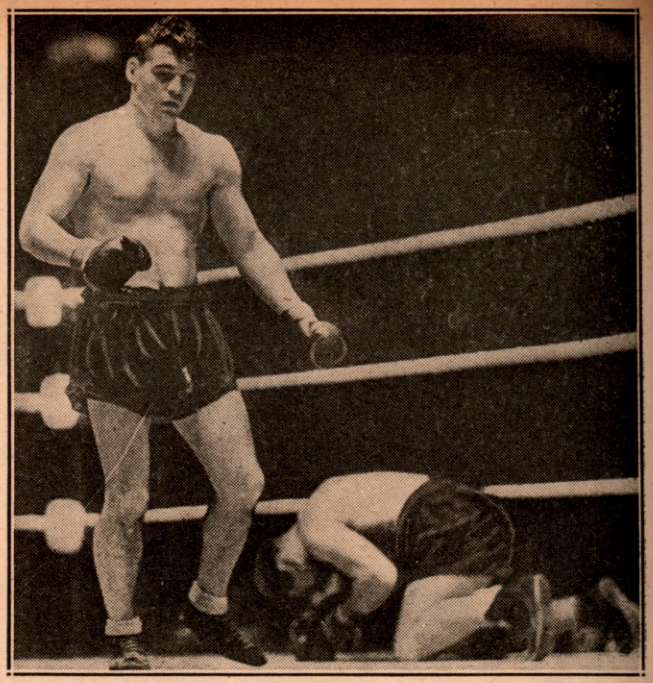
THIS situation, however, isn't a new one for Jacobs since the Bomber first came swinging out of the west to take the heavyweight division apart. Any number of times in the past, he's had to dig deep to come up with someone to throw in there with Joe, and thus keep alive the richest set in the industry of mashing noses.

That's why Mike keeps his turban and that swami's kimona—and a crystal ball or two—handy. Just so he'll be ready for these tough times.

The man has been remarkably lucky at it, too, if you recall. Just when it seemed Joe would have to be put in a museum somewhere, or take on only rivals equipped with tommy guns when they climbed into the ring, to even things up, Mike has popped up time after time with a victim.

And on most occasions, the victim proceeded to stand up so well, it was like a blood transfusion to the whole business.

Remember, for instance, back there in 1936, a year after Joe first moved in from Chicago and Detroit to hit the big money in New York. He'd taken care of Primo Carnera and King Levinsky and Max Baer and old Paulino, and even put the lights out for Charley Retzlaff in a round. There was practically no one left then except Jim Braddock. And Jim was making money out of his new title, without putting it on the line that year. What's more, Madison Square Garden, for whom Jim was doing his fighting, and Mike weren't palsy-walsy in those days.



The knockout of Gus Lesnevich by Bruce Woodcock in the eighth round. Bruce, British Empire Heavyweight King, figures in the new Louis set-up.

SO Jacobs reached all the way over to Germany and dusted off Max Schmeling, who had lost the title, been knocked out by Max Baer and beaten by Steve Hamas, and, as a stalwart son of Nazi Germany, wasn't winning any popularity contests around here, even if you sent in three box tops with your vote.

They were saying before that one—that is, everyone was saying it except Yussel Jacobs who did such a grand but thankless job of handling Schmeling's business—that Max didn't have the chance of a bottle of beer at a temperance meeting against Louis, and that maybe someone should be arrested for even thinking of putting him in there.

But der Maxie "see zomezings," you remember. And he went out and clubbed Joe out in 12 rounds. That was Louis' only defeat in his career, but above that, it immediately brought about a remarkable recovery in the practically lifeless heavyweight competition.

And the following year there was no one again and Bob Pastor was picked to be the innocent victim, and he went ten rounds with the Bomber. Even though he climbed on his bicycle to do it, the fact remains Bob showed it could be done. Interest was reawakened once more as the fans turned out just to see if it couldn't happen again.

Then, in 1940, after Tony Galento and Pastor had their shots, and had the lights turned out for them, there was nobody again to be served up. Conn was still a year away and Lou Nova had just been stiffened by Galento in what will always go down in the books as the roughest of all pier-sixers, and had to be built up again. So Uncle Mike got that kimona on and wrapped that turkish towel around his head, and came up with Arturo Godoy, a Chilean with a style that was a cross between a turtle with an oversized shell and a bulldozer filling up a shell-crater in a bombed road.

And Arturo not only went the 15-round derby route with the head man, but actually got the vote of one of the judges, although it was suggested later that a trip to an eye doctor wouldn't have done this official a bit of harm. But, anyway, that performance not only warranted a money-making return match, just to see if Godoy could make lightning strike twice (he did, only the second time it struck him in the eighth round), but it also made the ensuing bum-of-the-month tour of 1940-41 pay off in cold cash around the country.

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SO you can see that once Jacobs settles down to it, he can really pull a large bunny out of a small fedora. Just when the candidate he picks appears to be the surest kind of a soft touch to wind up in a hospital, and the *(Continued on page 43)*

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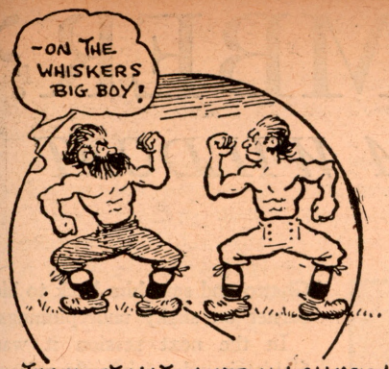

THE FIRST WHITE AMERICAN CHAMPION, JACOB HYER, HID HIS CHIN BEHIND A BEARD.

IN 1899 Joe Walcott, the Negro welterweight champion, was making a "meeting-all-comers" tour from coast to coast, and stopped off at Louisville, Ky., to take on a local welter for ten rounds. The latter was also a Negro, named Jim Ward, whose chances against the great Walcott, noted for conquering even heavyweights, did not appear very bright. Ward, however, was something of a diplomat, and sought out Joe for an interview the day before the contest.

"Mistah Walcott, sah," said Ward, "I knows of course as you kin beat me. An' I've come to ask you if you'd lemme stay the ten rounds, an' just git the decision without knockin' me out. I has a lot of friends in dis town, an' mah old father's gwine to be at the fight. Ah don't want the old man to see me murdered, Mistah Walcott, an' if you'll only lemme stick around for the distance, you'll be doin' me a favor I'll nevah forget."

Ward was a likeable young chap and Walcott, always a soft-hearted, easy-going fellow, took pity on the local light of fistiana. The champion laughed, agreed to have mercy on his opponent, and Ward went away happy. But Mr. Ward, besides being no mean puncher, was also a wily schemer. For eight rounds the champion outpointed his man, but eased up in his attack whenever Ward showed signs of distress. Joe was boxing carelessly, and just before the bell rang for the conclusion of the eighth frame, he left his jaw exposed, and Ward swung a right that had every ounce of strength he could put in it, square on the champion's unprotected jowl. Joe staggered and nearly went down, but clinched rapidly, and saved himself. When they came up for the ninth Walcott seized Ward's glove and shook it heartily. Ward said hurriedly:

"You's makin' a mistake, Mistah Walcott. Dis ain't the last round."

"It's the last round for yo', brother!" retorted the champion and hooked a left to the chin that tumbled Mr. Ward in a heap, knocked out cold!

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HOLDING THE FORT

ONE of the toughest battles in which Jack MacAuliffe, when lightweight champion of the world defended his title, took place at Lawrence, Mass., on January 14, 1887. His opponent was the Canadian lightweight king, Harry Gilmor, who, now in the late eighties, is still alive and hearty in California. In those early days fight promoters, constantly dodging sheriffs and police, were hard put to it to find locations where they could stage contests unmolested by the law. The MacAuliffe-Gilmore bout was brought off in the lower part of a ramshackle building which was used as a barn. The rooms overhead were occasionally rented out for the holding of political, social and religious meetings. On the night of the fight Salvation Army members were occupying them, engaged in a singing and praying revival.

The battle was a fierce, ding-dong affair with skintight gloves, under Queensberry rules. Gilmor, fast, clever and game, gave MacAuliffe a hard fight, and in its early stages victory seemed to sway first to one side, and then to the other. Mixed with the yells of the fight patrons there came from overhead the strains of a martial hymn, chanted lustily. As Jack sought his corner after a particularly gruelling session in the 18th round, during which the champion had much the worse of the milling, he asked his chief second:

"Bill, what are those blokes upstairs singing?"

"They're givin' us—'Hold the Fort, For I Am Coming,'" was the response.

MacAuliffe mopped his crimson-flecked face. "Well," he commented, "if they're having as tough a time holdin' the fort as I am holdin' on to my title, I feel kinda sorry for 'em, Bill!"

However, MacAuliffe successfully defended his honors by knocking out Gilmore in the 28th round.

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JIM CORBETT never trusted his grips and bags to porters, bellboys or the carry-your-bag-mister type of tip collector. Jim was the fussiest man who ever lived in that respect. It was his boast that he never missed a train in all his life and he traveled all over the globe.

Jim maintains that more trains are lost through the mix-up of bags than through all the other reasons put together. That's why Jim totes his own.

Jim was in San Francisco one day about to take the train for New York. He dropped into his brother Harry's place to say goodby. As he was about to take leave of Harry the latter pointed to a slim youngster and said: "Jim, here's a young fellow who is just aching to get to New York to show what he can do. He CAN fight, Jim. He's the best hitter for his weight I've ever seen. Come here, young fellow. Jim, I want you to shake hands with Dal Hawkins."

"Want to come East, eh?" mused Jim. "How long will it take you to pack?"

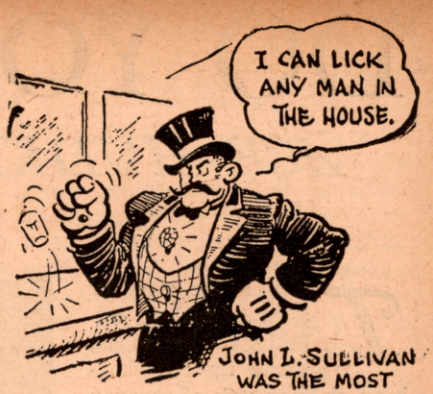
"When are you leaving?" quickly asked Hawkins.

"I'm pulling out in half an hour. If you can make it I'll stake you to a ride to New York. I'll not wait a minute. I'm a crank on catching trains."

"I'll be at the ferry in half an hour," said Hawkins, flitting out the door.

He was at the ferry building when Corbett got there. He got the ticket. Jim took quite a shine to the ambitious young fellow.

Their first stop was Chicago. A few days' stop-over and then Jim began to pack his grips to move on to New York.



JOHN L. SULLIVAN WAS THE MOST PICTURESQUE OF ALL THE CHAMPIONS.

As was his custom, he carried them out to the elevator in the hotel to take them to the lobby. When the elevator boy saw the grips he barked: "Take that junk to the freight elevator."

Corbett looked at Hawkins and Hawkins looked at Corbett.

"Next floor down, quick," snapped Corbett.

They rang the bell from that landing. As the door opened, Corbett, who had never seen the celebrated Hawkins's left hook in action, drawled:

"Eftlay ookway ootay ethay inchay."

Hawkins got the cue instantly. His left went out like a flash of light and the elevator operator pitched forward out of the cage on his face. They pulled him clear of the car and, stepping in, ran the lift to the floor above where their bags lay. Piling them on, they ran it down to the first floor, removed their bags, and walked down the one flight to the lobby, paid their bill and were gone.

"Dal's left was a complete success. When I hog-Latined him to left hook that guy to the chin he did a neat job, as he always did. It was the only thing that saved us the humiliation of losing our train," said Corbett in telling the story.

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BOB FITZSIMMONS, the golden-haired ring craftsman, who at various times in his career held the world's middleweight, light-heavyweight, and heavyweight championships, was tremendously proud of a diamond with which an enterprising dentist plugged a hole in one of his front teeth.

One day while on a visit to New York he was walking down Park Row toward Broadway. A crowd of urchins followed him, and a number grabbed his coat.

"Hold on, boys!" he said smiling, "I'll pull all of you that I can."

"Let's see de diamond in ye teeth!" exclaimed an urchin.

Bob proudly opened his mouth and turned toward the sun with a big smile. The boys stared in amazement at the glittering stone. They wanted to touch it and after being granted the request, allowed Bob to continue on his way in peace.

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MASTODONS OF THE RING

THERE are no actual giants now competing among our leading heavyweight boxers, that is to say no fighters of abnormal size, although Joe Louis, the present holder of the world's blue ribbon of the ring, the heavyweight championship,

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

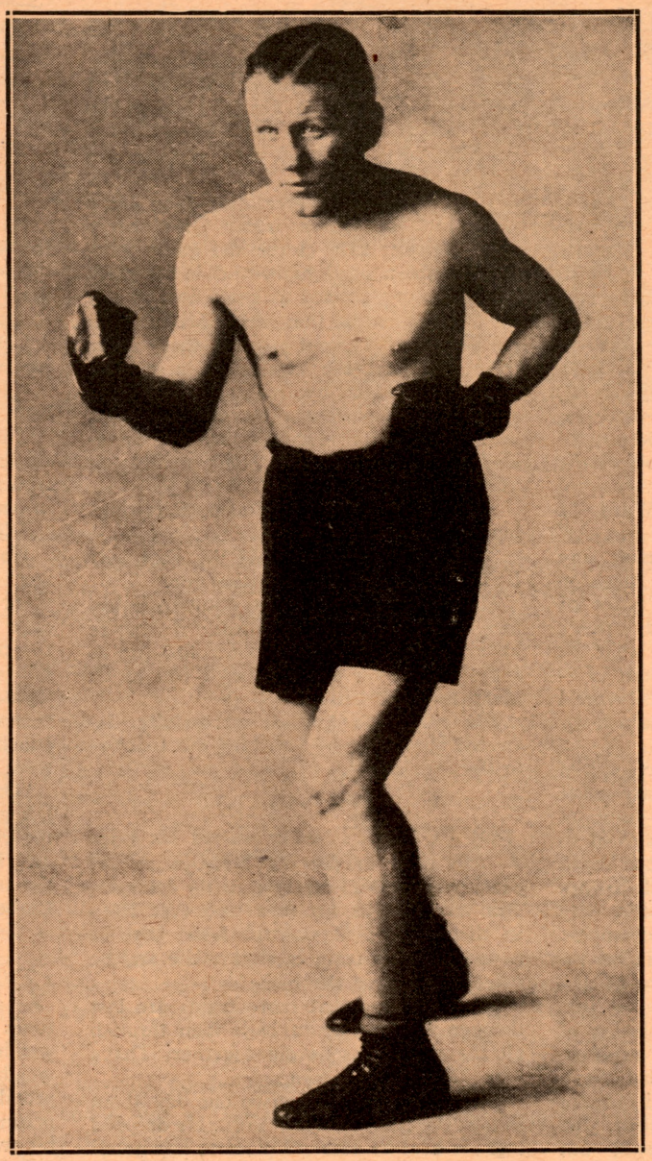
ACE HUDKINS the NEBRASKA WILDCAT

By IRVING RUDD

THIS is the story of a swashbuckling, rollicking red-headed pug whose rip-tear, slam-bang, slashing style of slugging earned for him hundreds of thousands of dollars and a reputation as one of the most vicious fighters in ring history.

Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book reveals little of the real Ace Hudkins. Thumbing through the cold agate type you find that the Nebraska Wildcat was beaten often. He won his share of fights but was on the losing end when stacked up against the likes of Mickey Walker, Maxie Rosenbloom, Sid Terris, and Dave Shade.

New York fight fans, however, will never forget the small, skinny lightweight who came roaring out of the West, unheralded and unsung, to fight the deadly-punching pride of the lower East Side—the Jewel of the Ghetto, Ruby Goldstein. Nineteen year old Ruby, undefeated in 23 pro battles, winner by a knockout in thirteen bouts, was a 1 to 4 favorite to turn back the unknown Westerner, although Hudkins had shown good form in the gym. A capacity crowd jammed the Coney Island Stadium to witness the bout, limited to six rounds, because Ruby Goldstein was not yet twenty-one years old.



Ace Hudkins in the prime of his career.

Those were the days of stellar matches and the fans eagerly watched the prelims to see youthful Sammy Dorfman, East Side neighbor of Goldstein, trounce one Willie O'Connell. In another bout, a 119 pound youngster, Tony Canzoneri, stopped Archie Bell in five heats with a cut eye. Finally Goldstein and Hudkins entered the ring.

The opening canto was but half over, when Goldstein landed a right flush to the point of Hudkins' chin and the "Ace" dropped like a poleaxed steer, hardly stirring, and he barely managed to regain his feet before the fatal "ten."

Although Goldstein boxed beautifully and punched calculatingly throughout the remainder of the round, he couldn't put the wobbly Hudkins away. Back in his corner Hudkins stared across the ring at the doe-eyed Hebrew. Hudkins' thin, cruel mouth was tightly shut. His cold, animal eyes were blue slits narrowed, and there was murder etched in those orbs.

As the warning whistle for the start of the second round sounded he reflectively rubbed a glove across his flat, punched-down nose and wiry red stubble, and at the bell bounded out of his corner to even the score. Ruby continued to box rings around him, but at the close of the round he clouted Goldstein with a straight right to the chin that stunned and hurt the Pride of the Ghetto and sent him back to his corner on shaky underpinnings.

In the next session it was Goldstein who fairly flew from his stool and throwing caution to the winds, slugged it out with this red-haired terror. The Nebraskan, employing a bobbing and weaving style, earned the edge in this third heat when he sent home a damaging right hand uppercut to the chin which hurt Ruby.

Goldstein and Hudkins slugged it out again in the now famous fourth round, and this time a short right sent Ruby down. The befuddled East Sider bounced up at a count of "four," a bit dazed. Hudkins sprang at the New Yorker and backed him against the ropes. Ruby's guard came down, and at this precise moment Hudkins brought up a roundhouse left which started at his shoe tops. The speed and force of the blow were heightened as Hudkins fairly leaped at Goldstein. It was a terrific blow and Goldstein was lifted off his feet.

Ruby's head snapped back and his body slumped through the ropes between the top strand and the second. There Ruby hung, limper than Monday morning's wetwash, as he swayed on the ropes until the weight of his legs brought him back into the ring in a kneeling posture. His eyes glazed, his mouth open, Goldstein clung helplessly to the middle strand, while Referee Patsy Haley counted him out.

Today, Goldstein, an outstanding referee in New York, one of the best in the country, has this to say of the never-to-be-forgotten dramatic tussle. "That's the only fight I had that anybody ever seems to remember. I had a lot of other good fights, won some, lost some, but I've been reminded of my fight with Hudkins over and over again."

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ACE HUDKINS was born in Valparaiso, Nebraska, on August 30, 1905. Later when the Hudkins family moved to Lincoln, Ace, a scrawny, pasty-faced urchin began to sell newspapers to help keep the family of six together after his father died. He also worked as a rackboy in a poolroom.

Hustling newspapers in Lincoln, Nebraska, was as tough a chore as hawking gazettes along New York's busy streets and the inevitable bullies were always on hand shoving the little blue-eyed redhead away from the choice corner locations. Someone told Ace that wrestling would build him up and that he would learn to defend himself. Hudkins joined the Lincoln Y.M.C.A. and within three months had added 18 pounds to his gaunt juvenile

frame. Within three months this determined kid had made the wrestling team and later won the Nebraska state title in the 108 pound division.

Pat Boyle, a local sportsman, persuaded Hudkins to switch to boxing after watching the little newsboy flatten a big toughie in a street fight. Big brother Clyde became Ace's manager, and another brother, Art, was his trainer.

A few fights in the canebrakes followed and then Ace Hudkins was paired with a good bantamweight, Buddy Hamilton, who had gained more than a little local fame by beating Midget Smith.

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ART HUDKINS in recalling that fight relates: "Ace had a big mop of red hair that made him look like a poet and we finally convinced him to cut it close so's he wouldn't get razzed out of the ring. We came to Alliance, Nebraska, where the fight was to be held, a few days earlier so Ace could train in the local gym.

"He was so green," Art related, "that he didn't even know how to shadow box! None of us knew if Ace could stand up for ten rounds so we paced him slowly at the beginning. Finally in the sixth, he pleaded with us to let him cut loose, and would you believe it, he dropped this guy Hamilton four times in the last five rounds, and they called it a draw!"

The Hudkins Brothers decided to try their luck in California and headed for Los Angeles. When they arrived in the Coast city they had but $2 among them. Ace's first engagement was with Dick Hoppe, a lightweight who was going great guns at the time. Hudkins held him to a draw and received $500 for his end, a world of money to the heretofore starved Hudkins clan of Nebraska.

The Hoppe fight made Hudkins. He flattened a rough, tough scrapper named Phil Salvatore. He ruined a promising belter, Joe Benjamin, in another bout. After the Hudkins fight, Benjamin hung up the gloves, never to take part in a boxing contest again. Other bouts followed. Then came the classic with Ruby Goldstein.

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THE latter part of 1926 and 1927 were great years for Ace Hudkins. Sensational fights and fat purses began to pile up. He won 14 fights in a row, being held to a draw only by Stanislaus Loayza. The first inklings that the Nebraska Wildcat was just as unruly outside the roped square as he was inside the hempen strands, began to become noticeable. At times he trained haphazardly, smoked big, fat black cigars, took a drink or two, and engaged in an extra-curricular street brawl now and then.

Fans were limp and hoarse after his tigerish brawls against Sgt. Sammy Baker, Phil McGraw, Bert Colima, Al Mello, and Lew Tendler. Hudkins defeated McGraw in a fifteen rounder, establishing himself as No. 1 challenger for the lightweight crown. The fight took place at the Coney Island Stadium and a riot broke out after the bout with police escorts necessary for both principals and the officials. Ace defeated McGraw in a return twelve rounder. His victory over the aged Lew Tendler was an easy one as he all but butchered the once great southpaw.

Hudkins grew rapidly into a welterweight, then into a middleweight, chopping down all opposition, and upon occasion, lost to mediocre foes.

"I can lick any man in the world if he'll stand still and fight with me," Hudkins growled. The Nebraskan honestly believed that he never lost most of his fights, sneering at the boxing skill of the opposition which enabled them to cop the decision. Hudkins wasn't a pretty fighter to watch. He never took the trouble to defend himself. The Wildcat just tore in from bell to bell, clawing at his man with his red leather encased paws.

A victory over Rene DeVos, the Belgian contender, earned for Hudkins a crack at Mickey Walker's middleweight title. Mickey trounced him easily.

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HUDKINS' heart was always set on securing a world's boxing championship, but now numerous doubts began to assail him. The dread of winding up punchdrunk gnawed at him. Ace wanted to quit, but some uncontrollable force, perhaps the ordinary urge of a guy who loved a good scrap, kept him in the business.

Although he was only 5 feet 8 inches tall, he ballooned to 165 pounds late in 1929 and began to take on bigger men. He boxed a heavyweight in Los Angeles named Armand Emanuel, and licked him in a ten rounder. Charley Belanger, a fair performer, was another victim. Hudkins then screamed for Tommy Loughran who held the light-heavyweight crown, but Maxie Rosenbloom administered an artistic pasting to Hudkins and crushed his hopes for a crack at the 175 lb. diadem. Dave Shade defeated Hudkins three months later, and when Ace was heaved out of the ring in a smelly affair with Jack McVey on August 26, 1930, in Los Angeles, it appeared that his boxing career was at an end.

The following year Hudkins surprised by whipping King Levinsky in Chicago when the Windy City fish merchant was a most promising heavyweight. On September 15, 1931, the Ace finally triumphed to win a title, the California State Heavyweight Championship, when he decisioned Dynamite Jackson in a ten rounder at Los Angeles. Hudkins' last fight was against Lee Ramage on February 23, 1932. Ramage won on points in ten rounds.

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ENFORCED idleness, coupled with a lack of an outlet for his tremendous, hustling energy began to spell trouble for the untamed Nebraska Wildcat.

Ace made the headlines, but they were hardly flattering. "Ace Hudkins Arrested for Drunken Driving." "Hudkins Shot in Cafe Brawl." "Ace in $50,000 Assault Suit."

Numerous sobbing sports scriveners took pen in hand to sadly relate how the many beatings he had taken in the ring had softened the brain of the tigerish little buzzsaw. He was broke and punchdrunk was the popular opinion. Nothing could have been farther from the truth. When fighting, Hudkins always had the good sense to send a large portion of his earnings home to his mother who banked the money for Ace. Hudkins was just a born brawler.

His troubles began just a few months after he had beaten Levinsky. On September 9, 1931, he was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Two months later he was arrested and convicted when his automobile crashed into a parked car. Hudkins received a suspended sentence of one year. He paid damages to the owner of the ruined automobile.

Hudkins lost no time in getting into the public prints again when he scored a street-fight kayo over a citizen, one T. Leonard Parks, fracturing the latter's skull. Ace was charged with assault. On March 23, 1932, he flattened another peaceful burger, Leonard Wood, who sued him for $50,000. Two days later Miss Rhea W. Hill asked for $100,000 in a breach of promise suit!

Death stared Hudkins in the face in Hollywood when he was shot by a night club proprietor after an altercation, and a major operation was performed to save the life of the Ace.

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THE saga of this incredible slugger who was a combination of Ketchel and Bat Nelson seems to have reached a happy climax. Latest reports have it that Ace Hudkins and his brother, Clyde, are proprietors of a huge ranch in California. There the rough and tumble Hudkins seems to have found an escape valve for his pent up energies.

Ace trains horses and several of them have been in winning races. Perhaps Hudkins may yet hit the top of his new chosen profession; that of breeder of thoroughbred horses. His reformation, says his friends, is complete.

Come what may, this Peck's Bad Boy of Boxing cut for himself a swath in fistic circles that will always be a chief topic of discussion as long as fight fans gather to rehash the history of colorful ring personalities. Ace Hudkins was never a champion, he was beaten by ordinary fighters, and a new, younger generation, two decades later, never even heard of him—yet the Nebraska Wildcat deserves a niche in Boxing's Hall of Fame because he was a fighter from the tips of his toes right up to his carrot-thatched top, and always gave the customers a run for their money.

BURLEY JOINS *the* TITLE SCRAMBLE

By "JERSEY" JONES

THE wild and wooly Donnybrook uncovered by Champion Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano at the Yankee Stadium last September, and the rematching of the two for an encore number in Madison Square Garden next March 21, have focused a large portion of the current fistic spotlight on the middleweight division, which never seems to lack either quality or quantity in outstanding representatives.

Many of the ring's most celebrated leather-tossers have campaigned in the middleweight ranks. From the swashbuckling era of the original Jack Dempsey (the Nonpareil) and Bob Fitzsimmons, on through the ensuing generations, the class has known the likes of Joe Thomas, Stanley Ketchel, Billy Papke, Frank Klaus, George Chip, Eddie McGoorty, Mike Gibbons, Les Darcy, Jeff Smith, Mike O'Dowd, Harry Greb, Tiger Flowers, Mickey Walker and a veritable army of other proficient manipulators of the upholstered mittens, who've made notable contributions to classic fistic lore.

Currently, no division boasts more capable performers, or promises keener competition during the coming months, than does the 160-pound brigade.

While Zale and Graziano are pointing for their return fracas, other star middleweights are scrambling among themselves for titular consideration, and whether Tony or Rocky is the champion after March 21, he can prepare himself for something very closely approximating a deluge of challenges.

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FOR one, there is Jake LaMotta, generally rated No. 1 in the list of those clamoring for a crack at the title. And Ray Robinson, who, not content with being tops in the welterweight class, is gunning for middleweight laurels, too. Marcel Cerdan, the French-Algerian holder of the European championship, is planning an invasion of American rings shortly. Georgie Abrams and Steve Belloise are two others who may be relied upon to keep the action moving.

Then there's Charley Burley of Pittsburgh—and it's of him that your commentator would like to speak, since Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor, has so aptly covered LaMotta's case in his editorial comment elsewhere in this issue.

To boxing authorities, particularly managers of middleweights, Burley needs no introduction. They know him well.

But to the public at large—and, after all, it's the public that pays the freight—Charley is practically unknown.

Whatever the reason may be, the sepia colored Pittsburgher, one of the smoothest and most efficient workers in the ring today, has been persistently shunted away from the Big Time and forced to ply his trade in the hinterlands.

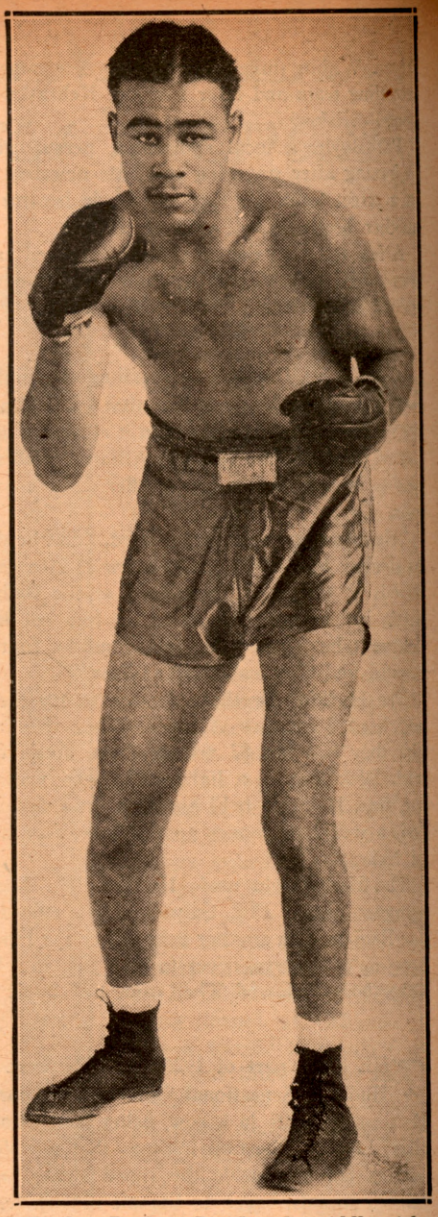
THE RING long has recognized Burley's real status, and for several years its monthly rankings have consistently found Charley well up with the middleweight leaders. In the current issue, he rates second only to LaMotta in Zale's list of challengers, and there are those who feel that Burley would be no worse than an even-money proposition in a showdown with Jake. They are about on a par in fighting ability.

Yet if you were to grab hold of the average boxing fan in New York or Chicago or Philadelphia or Cleveland or Detroit and pop the name Charley Burley to him, he'd probably lift a perplexed eyebrow, scratch his head in puzzlement, and mutter vaguely: "Burley? Hmmmmm. Seems to me I've heard of him somewhere, but I just can't place him."

Burley has been seen in action only once in New York. That was early in 1943, when he dropped into the St. Nick and belted one Phil McQuillan out in the first round. The local managers of middleweights, after absorbing one robust collective eyeful of the Pittsburgher, promptly rushed their charges to the nearest bomb shelters. They had seen all they wanted of Burley.

Likewise in Boston. It was another "open and close in one" engagement for Charley in the Hub. He turned in such an artistic job in disposing of rugged Eddie Ellis in five rounds that the New England 160-pounders decided the Pittsburgher should be left strictly alone.

Chicago is another major center that's had only one peek at Burley. A real tough 'un was picked for him there—Joe Sutka of Detroit. Three rounds and a fraction of a fourth were all that Charley required to polish off Sutka—and for the other middleweights in the immediate vicinity to make themselves exceedingly scarce.



Charley Burley, Pittsburgh middleweight, who rates high as championship contender.

As one veteran observer was heard to comment: "The trouble with Burley is he's TOO GOOD for his own good!"

Aside from his native Pittsburgh, where he's fought about half of his 81 professional bouts, Burley's most fertile field of operations has been California. He's made about 20 appearances out yonder—in San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego and Hollywood—and many of his outstanding performances have been turned in there. It was in California that he whipped Archie Moore, Jack Chase, Tiger Wade and Billy Smith.

The reluctance of the leading middleweights to have dealings with Burley has repeatedly compelled the Pittsburgher to step out of his class and spot all sorts of poundage to such light-heavies and heavies as Jimmy Bivins, Lloyd Marshall, Ezzard Charles, Charley Banks, et al. On one occasion, in Minneapolis, he gave away 51 pounds to J. D. Turner—and belted him out in the sixth round!

Despite the calibre of the opposition he's faced, Burley has never been flattened in ten years of competition, and he has finished on the short end of but ten decisions—only one of them in the last four years! He has kayoed 40 opponents, won 29 bouts by decisions and fought two draws.

Lew Burston, who is now handling Burley, is fully appreciative of the proportions of the task confronting him in his campaign to inject the Pittsburgher into middleweight titular discussions. But Lew is quite optimistic of the outlook.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Ray Robinson Finally Gets His Chance

LaMotta Entitled to Championship Bout

Woodcock Not Ready for Tilt with Louis

RAY ROBINSON, who like Jake LaMotta, has found that having too much on the ball is a detriment, rather than a help in boxing, will finally get his chance at the world welterweight title vacated by Marty Servo with whom Ray was matched. The New York Commission, following a futile attempt to have one of the three outstanding contenders meet Robinson in an effort to obtain a successor to Servo, has discovered one fearless welterweight who is willing to face the elongated Sugar Ray. His name is Thomas Bell, a Youngstown, Ohio, scrapper who lost a close ten-round decision to Robinson in Cleveland on January 16, of last year.

When Bell discovered that his name was not included among those offered to Robinson as an opponent for a match which the New York Commission was willing to bill as for the world crown, he hotfooted down to the office of Lieut. Col. Edward Eagan and sought an explanation. He was informed that since he already had lost a bout to Robinson, and that every rated welterweight among the first eight had either been eliminated in previous competition by Ray Robinson, Tippy Larkin and Beau Jack, the Commission had decided not to order an elimination tourney but to designate as the world champion the winner of a Robinson fight with either Larkin or Beau Jack. Each of these, however, declined the issue.

Neither Jack nor Larkin was inclined to be smothered by the gloves of the hard hitting, accurate-shooting Sugar Ray. Each conceded Robinson the better fighter and so informed the Commission. Greco was next in line and through his manager, he likewise declined the issue. Thereupon Sugar Ray asked that he be given the title without fighting for it but the two groups that control boxing in the U. S., the New York Board and the N.B.A., decided that he must fight a recognized contender.

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THEN when all looked dark and it appeared that Robinson would have to travel to Europe to fight Ernie Roderick, British Empire and European welterweight champion, in order to more firmly establish his claim as the world's greatest fighter in his division, along came Bell to ease matters for all hands. He wanted the fight badly, was willing to make any concession stipulated by Robinson, the Commission and the N.B.A., and accordingly he was rewarded with the shot. They will fight in Madison Square Garden, and because of the high standing of Robbie, generally referred to throughout the fistic world as the "uncrowned welter king," and the fact that none of the five leading contenders would have any part of him in the ring, the bout properly receives title designation.

The New York Commission, though not a member of the N.B.A., showed its true sportsmanship by placing the facts before the National organization and asking for its cooperation in settling the welterweight situation. This was obtained.

Thus things are as they should always be. If boxing is to progress, petty differences should be avoided and the N.B.A., through its president, Abe Greene, showed its good faith by falling in line. There can be no doubt that the winner of that fight will be internationally recognized as world crown wearer. By refusing to fight Robinson on the contention that he is too good for the kind of opposition they can furnish, every contender for the crown automatically eliminated himself if he had not already been shunted to the sidelines through other defeats.

THOUGH I differed with the action of the New York Commission in its decision to vacate Servo's title at the time he reported with his nose ailment, I congratulate the New York members and the N.B.A. for its foresight in cleaning up the mess with its sanctioning of the Robinson-Bell match. It was a wise move, one that was welcomed by the boxing fraternity. If after the December 21st bout, the winner can be matched with Ernie Roderick in England or in this country, such a bout would settle any possible dissension on the part of those in the British Empire who might question the right of America to bestow a world crown on a fighter without taking into consideration the British Empire champion. But such a move would be unwarranted in view of the superiority of the American welters to Roderick or any other British welterweight. Roderick, a veteran of more than ten years' service, received a shellacking at the hands of Henry Armstrong at a time when Henry was the world champion and Ernie at that time was at his best. Those of the British writers who were recent visitors in America, undoubtedly will tell their folks at home what they told the American scribes here: "Your Ray Robinson would halt Roderick in a few rounds. He is a ring marvel."

For the above reasons, THE RING, which has been a stickler on titles, comes to the aid of both the New York Commission and the N.B.A. with the announcement that the winner of the Robinson-Bell match will be recognized by this publication as world champion and to further the effort of the contestants to fight their best, THE RING Editor will personally present to the winner a belt with the winner's name inscribed as the newly crowned World Welterweight Champion.

Bell lost to middleweight Jake LaMotta in his last Garden appearance last January and on September 27 he beat Cecil Hudson in Milwaukee to avenge his defeat by Hudson at the St. Nick Club on May 6.

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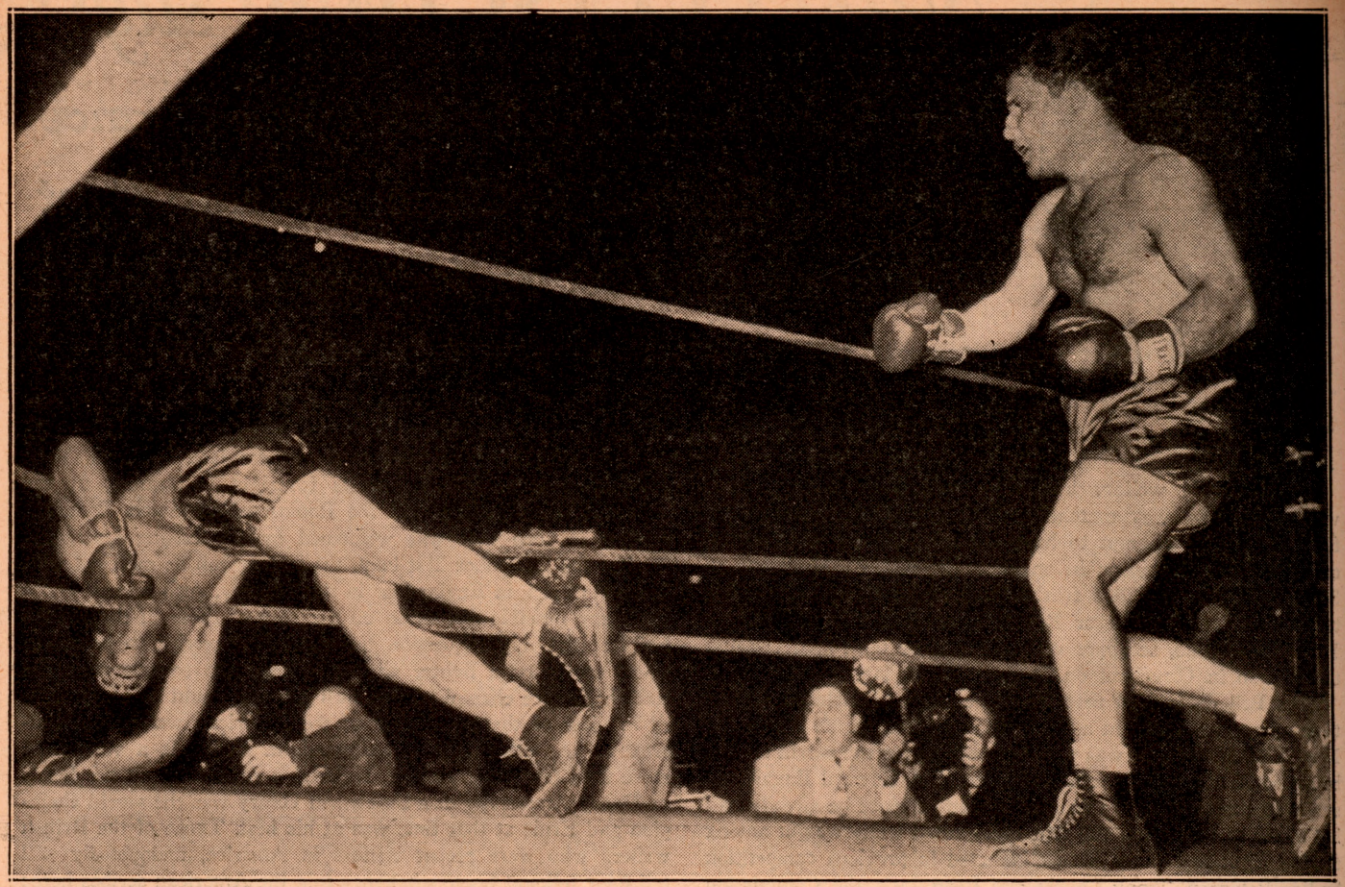
THE same condition that has confronted Robinson through the years, has prevented LaMotta from obtaining a shot at the middleweight crown. There is no more deserving fighter in the world for a championship fight than Jake. He has demonstrated his worth. He stands head and heels above the rest of the field as does Robinson in the welter class, yet he cannot get to first base as a contender.

Recently Jake appeared before the New York Commission with a plea to the board to accept his challenge for a fight with Zale or Graziano, and he was informed that the Commission is not a matchmaking department. All LaMotta wanted was the support of the Commission for a chance at the crown. But that support, to which he is rightfully entitled, has been denied him and Rocky Graziano has again been designated for a title match, though the Commission went out of its way to obtain for Servo the bout for the welterweight championship with Freddie Cochrane. True, Rocky earned his return bout with Zale by his great stand and the amount of money he drew in at the gate, but both he and Zale should have been asked to sign to meet LaMotta within ninety days after their next title bout. LaMotta is entitled to that recognition.

Unfortunately, in this era, it isn't how good a contender a fighter is that counts, but who is the best drawing card.



Jake LaMotta, foremost challenger for the world middleweight title, drops Bob Satterfield across the ropes in the seventh round of their bout at Wrigley Field, to score a knockout.

I CANNOT blame Mike Jacobs for snapping at the chance to re-sign Zale and Graziano, because that bout will undoubtedly break the record for receipts in Madison Square Garden and for any other indoor show at $50.00 tops, which Mike intends to charge for ringside seats. But I do think that the Commission should have gotten Graziano and Zale to sign an agreement, whereby the winner of their bout would give LaMotta the first chance at the crown in a championship fight. From personal interviews I have learned that neither Zale nor Rocky want any part of LaMotta, and can understand therefore why the issue was not pressed at the time that Tony and Graziano were signed for their return engagement next March.

Like Robinson, LaMotta is thoroughly discouraged because of the attitude of the top-notchers towards him, and a promise by Zale and Rocky that Jake would get the next championship shot, would have aided his morale which at present is at low ebb because of the refusal of the ranking middleweights to exchange blows with him in the ring.

LaMotta is, and has been THE RING's No. 1 middleweight for some time, and he is deserving of the support of the New York Commission and the N.B.A. in his quest for a title bout. Let's get it for him before he retires from old age. True sportsmanship demands such action.

No doubt now that Charley Burley is managed by Lew Burston, one of Mike Jacob's executives in charge of foreign affairs, he'll be favored over LaMotta when the time comes for arranging the next middleweight match.

Pity that the old school of fighters is gone, the school that accepted a challenge from the outstanding men of the division and gave every worth-while contender a chance at the crown. Those days are gone forever, it seems, aided and abetted by boxing commissions.

It seems to me that one of the primary duties of a commission is to see that legitimate contenders are given their rightful chance to fight for a championship. Apparently commissions today are more interested in looking at the commercial side of boxing. What will a fight bring in at the gate, is something that gains for a challenger a championship match these days, not who is the outstanding contender for such a bout.

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THE victory of Bruce Woodcock over Gus Lesnevich was no surprise to American fight fans. The British heavyweight king was a hot favorite in New York, where those who study their boxing seemed to agree that Gus had shot his bolt. The fight showed that Bruce had learned his lesson after his knockout by Mauriello, for against Lesnevich, he took advantage of every opportunity. He didn't back away after landing an effective punch to see how Gus took it, but followed up with several others and soon had the champion in hand.

The knockout of the American in the eighth round was the first international victory for the British in an important engagement with an outstanding American boxer and was greeted by the fans from across the Big Pond with the applause the victory deserves.

Now they are talking about matching Bruce with Joe Louis. The Brown Bomber has expressed a preference for the British Empire king and so has Jack Solomons, the man who promoted the Woodcock-Lesnevich fight. But such a bout at this time would not be a contest. Bruce would be put out of the picture even sooner than was Mauriello if Louis desired it to be so. Woodcock is a good fighter, a clean-cut lad who can sock and possesses some degree of cleverness, but to pit him against the Brown Bomber would be short of slaughter.

Let's not go haywire and end the career of the British heavyweight king so quickly. He can fight our best heavyweights and make plenty of dough, especially if the bouts are staged overseas where they belong. After he has disposed of these, perhaps he will have built himself into a real contender.

This he definitely is not at this stage and Bruce knows, because of my friendship for him, that I would not steer him wrong. He can whip the likes of Oma, Murray, Bivins, Baksi, Bettina and I believe he can now also take Mauriello. Hence why Louis when he is not yet ripe for that shot?

NO story of behind the scenes activities for a huge outdoor boxing match would be complete without an inside peep at the work of Lionel Levy, ace architect. Levy is a dark, dapper, youngish-looking individual who has, through his unique, inimitable skill, established himself as a specialist in the boxing world. He plans the seating arrangement and other important details when a huge ballpark is converted into a boxing arena. Actually, Lionel Levy, when his job is completed, has installed a stadium within a stadium.

Levy, who was a colonel during the last war, does not depend on the fight game for a living. He is one of the outstanding architects in the United States, and his firm has been awarded many government housing, roads and bridge contracts. He is a sportsman who comes from a famous Georgia family.

He came into the pugilistic sport when the late Tex Rickard commissioned him to arrange the "set-up" for the first Dempsey-Tunney fight. From then on, Levy was consulted for every major outdoor fight both in New York and out of town. Under Levy's supervision, seating at outdoor shows is a carefully planned arrangement, not a haphazard hit-or-miss affair as in previous years.

Colonel Levy was asked if it were possible to explain in layman's language how a set-up for a huge outdoor boxing show is put together. Here is a behind the scenes glimpse of how Levy works with Promoter Mike Jacobs:

When Uncle Mike finally sets the date and place for a fight, he summons his box office man, the capable Rivington Bisland, and Levy for a conference. Many details are discussed and then the promoter and the two men visit the site of the scrap.

Numerous unexpected exigencies must be dealt with by Levy before he can formulate his ideas sufficiently to transfer them to plan. His problem is to consider the outside traffic and how the ticket holders will be handled and accommodated. Entrances and exits must be carefully checked. Weeks in advance, Jacobs must try to estimate the drawing power of the promotion. The number of possible ringside customers is considered, and the ringside seating plan is made.

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MANY potential headaches face Colonel Levy. His plans when drawn, must comply with state and civic laws, and must receive the approval of the Building Department, Fire Department, Police Department and Boxing Commission. The tremendous number of reporters, photographers, broadcasters, newsreelmen, and the 150 Western Union wire operators must be cared for. The architect works with the chief usher designating the exact posts of the ushers, watchers, special policemen, firemen, and others. He must consider the electric power for the lights.

A huge problem is that of protecting the grass in the ballpark. A ball game may be scheduled for the following day or at least within the week, and since the primary business of a ballpark is obviously baseball, the stadium owners are very zealous of the condition of the grass. At certain times of the year, and in certain weather, if anything is placed on the grass for an undue length of time, the playing area may be ruined for the entire balance of the season.

Rain is also an omnipresent factor. It may rain for days before a fight and the sun then breaks through bright and cheery on the exact date of the show. The customer's only thought is that today is the day he sees the big fight.

Little does he realize that when the traffic cop directs his car up a side street, the box office man sells him his ducat, the usher shows him to his seat, and finally with a good fight card completed, he wends his way homeward; that Lionel Levy, at the ballpark since sunup, has practically planned his every move in advance.

Father Divine, whose followers run into the thousands, enlightens world boxing fans on a subject that has puzzled them since the rise of Joe Louis to fistic fame. How the Brown Bomber acquired his hitting power.

Not even Joe Louis could answer that one until Father Divine let the cat out of the bag.

Some time ago, when the world heavyweight king was on a radio program in California, he was asked that question and he replied:

"Dunno. Seems it jest came to me."

But Father Divine has put Joe's mind at ease by informing him that he is responsible for the Bomber's energy and the gift of sock. He takes full credit for the punching power behind Louis' fists and warns Joe that if he is critical of this claim he will lose that power and with it, the title.

Here is Father Divine's sermon as it appeared in his paper, *The New Day*.

"When Joe Louis was born, the transmission of the spirit of my prophecy and declaration was reincarnated in him for the world for which he was predestined to reign as king in . . . He did not know anything about it; his parents did not know anything about it.

"Father Divine, when interviewed, said that he got the idea of creating another Negro heavyweight champion when Jack Johnson lost the title 'and it was declared that another so-and-so would never ascend to the ring, would never become the world's heavyweight champion.'

"The Negro preacher said color had nothing to do with Joe's success.

"By transmission and by reincarnation he became the imbibeation of the spirit of supremacy in the world in which he functioned. Therefore, mortality may say now, because I say he expresses supremacy in the world in which he functions that it was given to a color. Color has nothing to do with it."

He warned:

"Now I hope Mr. Louis will not be critical when he hears what I said! (I never released this to the public before.) Because if he does, he will lose out! If he is critical of God, he will lose out! I gave him his energy, and I gave him his gift."

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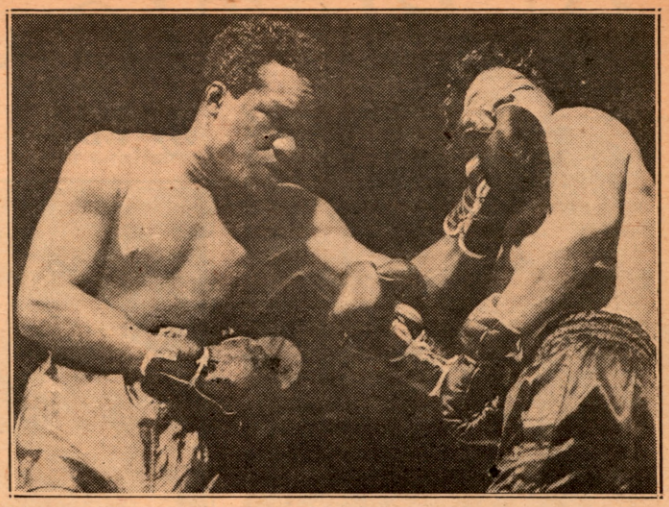
OLD TIMERS will be pleased to hear that Martin Canole, one of the best of the lightweights in the early nineties, is a prosperous business man in Fall River. A few weeks ago the former contender for world lightweight honors opened the largest equipped sports and toy center in the city.

Canole had many knockouts to his credit. In 1903 he lost a close bout to Jimmy Britt in Colma, California, in twenty-five rounds, and on May 20, 1904, he was stopped by Battling Nelson in twelve rounds. That year he drew in ten with Jimmy Gardner and Jimmy Briggs, and was halted in nine rounds by Quillie Lewis. He retired in 1908.

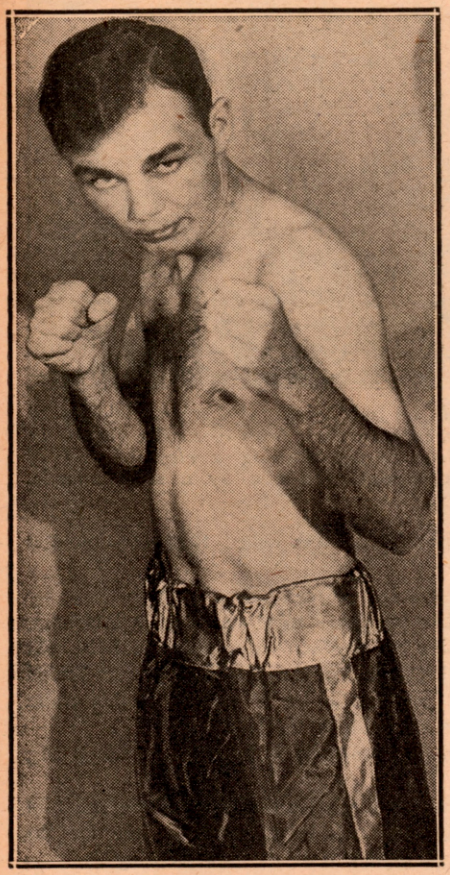
It happened during the month: A throwback to the old-time fights was a contest at the Grove Stadium of Glasgow when Jock McClusker, Scottish middleweight king, scaling only 158 pounds, engaged big Hugh MacDonald *(Continued on page 43)*



Willie Joyce snaps back the head of Tippy Larkin, claimant of the junior welterweight title, in their bout of twelve rounds in Madison Square Garden. Larkin flashing a classy brand of fighting, outscored his opponent to win by a wide margin.

IN FISTIC SPOTLIGHT

By EDDIE MERRILL



Frankie Gerrard, Toledo, Ohio, feather-weight.

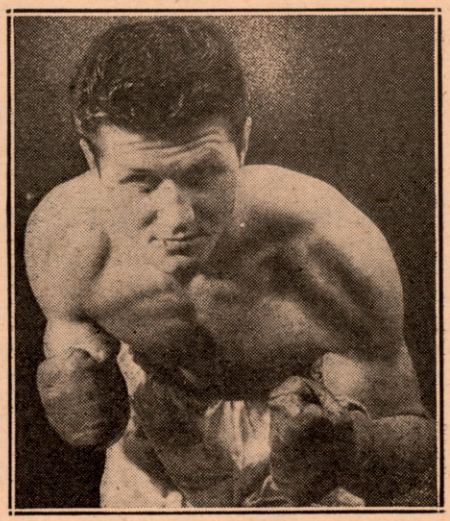
ART RAMSEY

ANDY NIEDERREITER has taken over the management of a young heavyweight, Art Ramsey, of Glens Falls, N. Y., and if the aforementioned Mr. Niederreiter is confident that his new charge has the necessary qualifications to become a topnotcher, then paste the name of Art Ramsey in your kelly as a coming contender.

Andy has been missing from his old fistic haunts for several years. To the younger generation Niederreiter is an obscure name hazily connected with boxing, but back in the 20's Niederreiter, who first was a successful manager of fighters at the age of 17, was one of America's top matchmakers, although he was but 30 years old. He staged shows at Ebbets Field featuring the best names, and was also the first promoter to introduce the popular-priced boxing show to New York.

Ramsey, his protege, is 23 years old, stands six feet three inches tall, and weighs in the neighborhood of 198 pounds. He started boxing as an amateur. Art enlisted in the Army when he was 17 and saw service at Pearl Harbor, Saipan and Okinawa. He was honorably discharged on October 15, 1945, after a five year hitch.

Art has won 8 out of 10 pro battles. Thus far he has kayoed 8 of his opponents. He knocked out Frank Urban, Dick Tracy, Steve Ketchel and Jerry Berthiaume in Boston rings. Mannie Seamon, ace conditioner of Joe Louis, has been engaged by Niederreiter to tutor Ramsey. Seamon was



Jimmy Martin, former California amateur light-heavy king.

tremendously impressed by Ramsey's natural ability, and his handling of the big youngster marks the first time that Seamon has handled any other fighter aside from Louis, since he started training the Brown Bomber.

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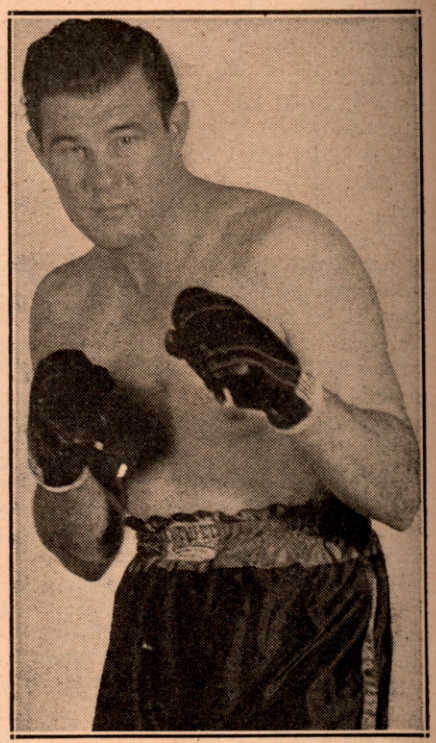
TOMMY MARRA

FRANK BACHMAN, the fight manager who discovered and developed Maxie Rosenbloom and Lew Jenkins, feels that he has another potential ring great in the person of Tommy Marra, a 21-year-old middleweight hailing from White Plains, New York, who has lost only one bout since starting his pro career.

Lately, Bachman, who is a New York businessman, has teamed up with his son Al, who aids him in managing fighters. It

Joe Red D'Amato, Youngstown, Ohio, 140-pounder.



Art Ramsey, young Glens Falls, N. Y., heavyweight.

was the younger Bachman, a boxing coach at the White Plains Y.M.C.A., who discovered Marra. Tommy had never boxed before, although he was a great fan and had worked as a peanut butcher at the White Plains County Center in order to see the bouts. He began as an amateur and had 26 fights without a setback.

Thus far in the pro ranks, he has won 18 of his 19 bouts, 13 by knockouts. His only defeat was by Phil Palmer. Outstanding names do not as yet stud the record of the promising Marra, but local fight addicts realized that he was a scrapper who would bear watching after he flattened the unmanageable clown, Lew Perez, in the jig time of one heat.

In recent fights Tommy has advanced to the eight-round semi-windup class. He defeated the seasoned Lee Black and kayoed experienced Johnny Harvey. In his fight with Palmer, Marra floored Phil for nine.

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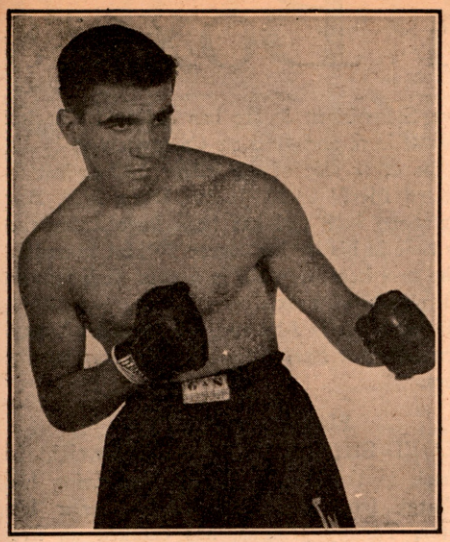
CHARLEY "KAYO" CHANEY

A FAMILIAR fighting name has hit the fistic headlines as boxing dispatches from the Associated Press or United Press herald the fact that Kayo Chaney of Baltimore has scored another knockout.

Charley "Kayo" Chaney is a nephew of the famed George "Kayo" Chaney, a 122-pounder of some three decades ago, whom fistic authorities rate as one of the greatest punchers in the history of the game. "You never saw a stiff puncher, if you didn't see Chaney lay 'em away," many an old-timer will declare.

Now, young Charley, who is 22, has engaged in 20 professional starts and has scored 15 knockouts this year. Chaney was honorably discharged only seven months ago after having served with the army



Tommy Marra, a welterweight of promise from White Plains, N. Y.

overseas in the E.T.O. He has scored a few noteworthy knockouts in his brief career. Jamaica Harold Smith, Al Barbosa, Freddie Flores, and Solly Zalter are some of the seasoned sluggers Chaney has chilled.

The Flores victory stands out prominently in view of the fact that Freddie went the distance with Steve Belloise and defeated Artie Levine. Chaney may yet develop into a light-heavyweight or even invade the heavyweight division for he has scaled around the 166-pound mark for some battles.

Chaney's losses were to Billy Walker in eight; and to Marvin Bryant in eight.

FRANKIE GERRARD

FRANKIE GERRARD, Toledo, Ohio, featherweight, is one of several crowd-pleasing youngsters who are doing their part to put the town of Toledo back on the boxing map.

An ex-Marine, Gerrard has had 6 fights this year. Frankie has scored 3 kayoes and drew with Eddie Hines and Al Ellis. In his lone losing battle fought against Jimmy McClellan, former E.T.O. Army champion, Gerrard showed plenty of courage as he withstood many terrific punches and three knockdowns to come back and stage a great fight. Frankie is managed by Jack Senn.

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JIMMY MARTIN

JIMMY MARTIN, former California star amateur light-heavyweight, has continued his winning ways in the pro ranks. At this writing he is undefeated. He has scored six victories in a row including one knockout. As a simon pure, Martin was a Diamond Belt, C.Y.O., and California A.A.U. titleholder.

Jimmy is a clever boxer with a potent kick in his right mitt. He is handled by George Parnassus, the colorful Coast Greek, who guided Ceferino Garcia and Juan Zurita to world championships.

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JOE "RED" D'AMATO

THE city of Youngstown, Ohio, proud of two of its fistic favorites, Tony Janiro and Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini, has come forth with another brilliant prospect, Joe "Red" D'Amato, a smooth, classy, 19-year-old 140-pounder.

D'Amato is a cousin of Mancini, and declares it was the Purple Heart veteran's ring successes that decided him upon a boxing career. Joe began to box when he was 17 years old. He sparred often with Janiro, then chucked the fight game to enlist in the Coast Guard where he served for two years.

As an amateur, Red took part in 40 bouts, losing but four. D'Amato was National A.A.U. lightweight champion for 1944, winning the title in Boston. He turned pro early this year and in 8 bouts remains undefeated. Keen critics of the gloved sport rate D'Amato a better prospect at this stage than his stablemate Janiro was when the latter first began to fight in New York rings.

Joe boxes with a rhythmic, unruffled style, and packs a good right hand punch.

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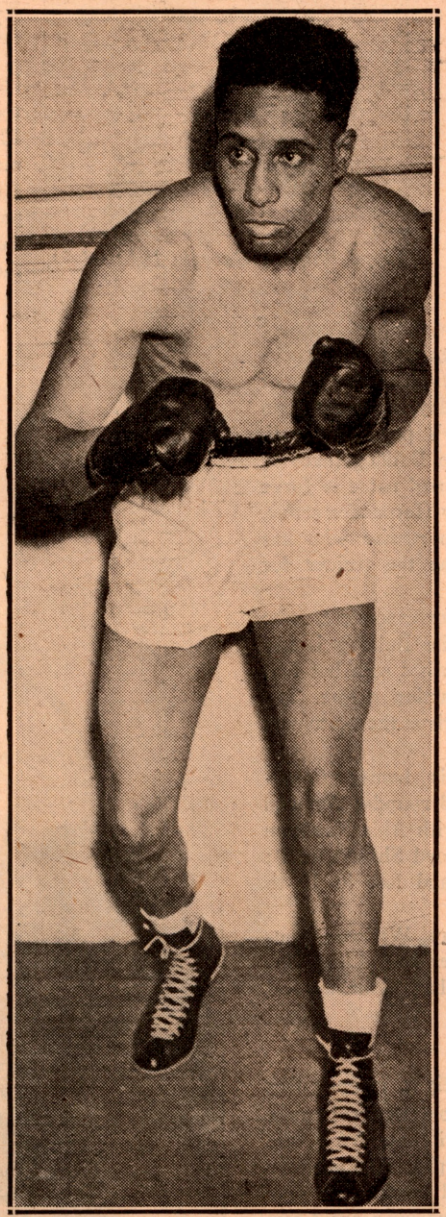
BOBBY RICHARDSON

BOBBY RICHARDSON, young Cleveland Negro, who as a welterweight fought great fights with Fritzie Zivic, Izzy Jannazzo, Maxie Berger and Tommy Bell, has come back after a long absence, a full-fledged middleweight.



Bobby Richardson, veteran Cleveland welter, back in harness after a long lay-off.

Charley "Kayo" Chaney, cousin of the famed Baltimore knockout artist.

Bobby is a shifty boxer and the added weight seems to have added extra power to his punches. Among some of his better wins in previous years Richardson lists the names of Mayon Padlo, Pete DeRuzza, Johnny Roszina and Billy Parsons.

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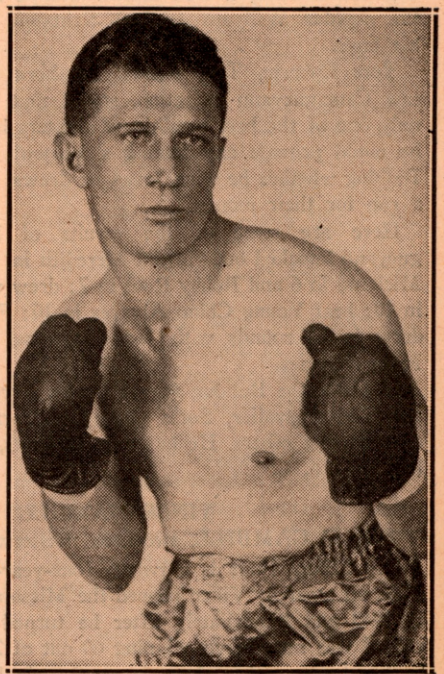
STANLEY PEROCK

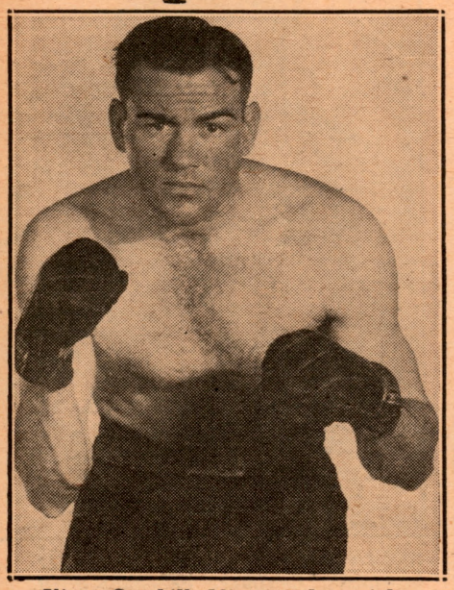
ALTHOUGH wounded in the arm, shoulder, and hip while serving with the 85th Division Infantry, Stanley Perock, Pottsville, Pa., middleweight, has made a grand comeback in the pro ring.

Perock entered the Army in December, 1942. While in Europe he boxed Marcel Cerdan. When he was discharged, Perock weighed 180 pounds, but his trainer, Blandie Jones, helped him round into tiptop form.

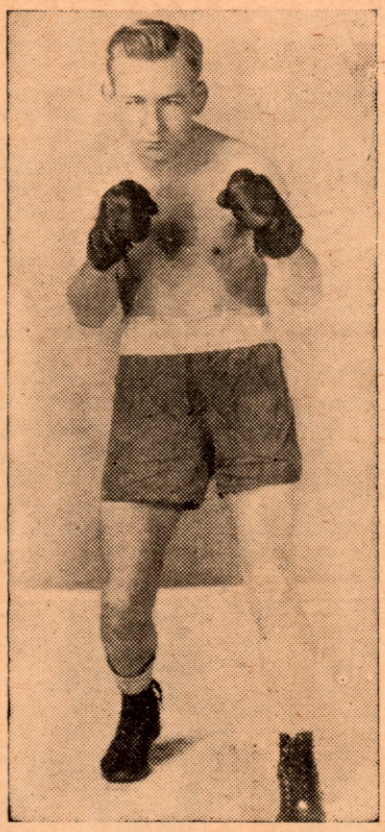


Stanley Perock, Pottsville, Pa., middleweight.

Popular Southern Boxers



Vince Gambill, Miami welterweight.



Floyd Shiflett, Georgia lightweight.

ABOUT one year ago, a quiet, refined young Cuban señor with the boxing sobriquet of Bulldog Camagueyano made his American debut in the gay Latin Quarter of Tampa. He came unheralded, but after his fight with Harold Meredith last September, Tampa was talking about the good-looking, 136 pound lightweight from Camaguey, Cuba, who stopped the youngster whom sports scribes believed to be the best prospect the South had produced in some years. In gaining this knock-out over Meredith, the Bulldog made a hit with followers of fisticuff in the Cigar City, and to this day, Camagueyano ranks next to Tommy Gomez in the city's popularity poll.

An energetic young man in the ring, the Bulldog loves to fight. He thrives on action. Camagueyano's real name is Jorge Estrada. He is the pride and joy of the Tony Hernandez stable, Hernandez being a well known Tampa sportsman who has the popular Willyum (Saint) Santanna as the trainer for his boys.

Tom Ephrem, THE RING'S Southern correspondent, who saw Camagueyano in action, stated that the Bulldog is not only one of the best conditioned fighters he has seen but that he could provide any boxing show with action galore. The Bulldog whether he wins, loses, or draws, gives the customers a run for their money.

Here are some of the results of his bouts: Camagueyano knocked out Harold Meredith in 3 rounds; Armand Michaud in 6 and Bobby Root in 7; drew with Abie Kaufman in 10; beat Young Chino Alvarez in 10; Floyd Shiflett in 10; drew in 10 rounds with Joey Raymond and lost in 10 to Manny Gomez.

In Cuba, the Bulldog fought Carlos Errera, Wilfredo Punber, Kid Chevalier, Soria Qui, Jose Ferrer and Luis Dias Cruz among others. He has won 52 bouts, had 14 draws and lost only 6.

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VINCE GAMBILL

VINCE GAMBILL, two-fisted welterweight, campaigning in Miami rings is a twenty-four-year-old ex-serviceman.

As an amateur Vince copped the Missouri State AAU title in 1943 and immediately after he turned pro. His amateur record was impressive, winning 60 out of 71 bouts. This year he has been coming along in good style knocking out Chief Crazy Horse in 1, L'il Abner in 1, Al Michaudin, 1, and Steve Sloneski in 3. He has defeated Charley Howard in 6, and Bulldog Camagueyano in 10. On the other side of the ledger he has lost to Howard Bleyhl in 10, Jimmy Davis in 6, Ben Montabano in 8 and has been kayoed for the only time in his boxing career by Hal Meredith in the first heat. Gambill is a good club fighter with plenty of moxie.

His manager is Al Lang, who handles Sonny Horne, Gunnar Barlund and Billy Moore among others.

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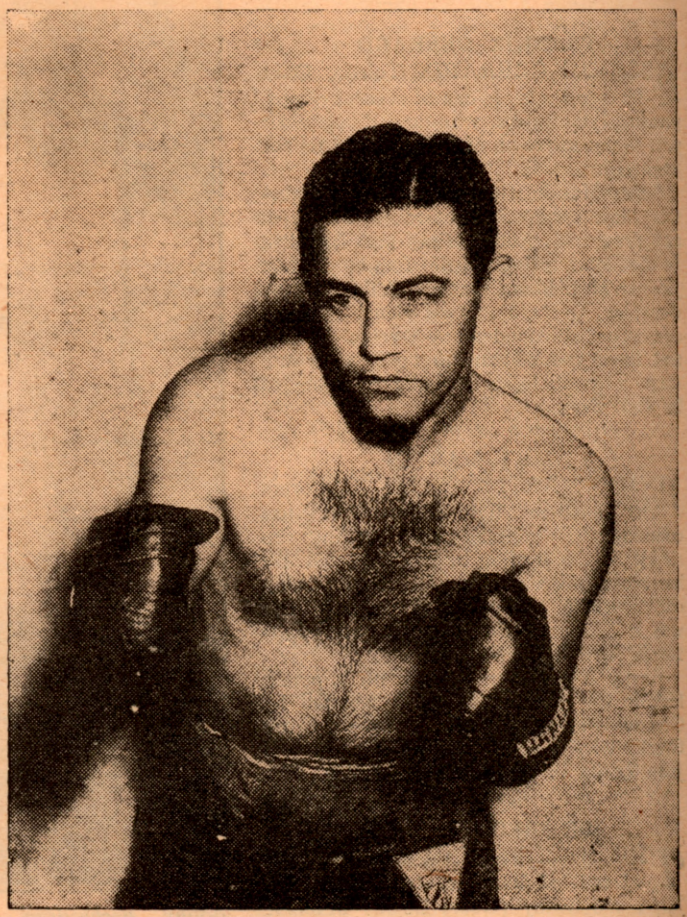
FLOYD SHIFLETT

FLOYD SHIFLETT, Georgia lightweight, is back in the ring wars after receiving his discharge from the army. Floyd, under his mentor, Tommy Jenkins, has chalked up five victories against three losses since reentering the sock 'em trade.

He holds wins over Sid Rochester, Bobby Sylvester, Jimmy Cooper, Lester O'Brien and Eddie Kiernan. In the lost column are his fights with Joey Raymond, Bulldog Camagueyano and Al Reid.

Shiflett is a lad with a lot of heart who has had to take matches in which he gives away too much weight. His manager believes that Floyd will come along after he regains a little more of the weight that he lost in the army. At present he is a good club fighter. Very popular in the deep South. The lad got considerable experience in mitt tossing while in the service.



Bulldog Camagueyano, a hot drawing card in Tampa.

KETCHEL *versus* PAPKE SOCKING SERIES SAGA

Their Four Middleweight Championship Fights Were All-Time Classics—Billy Took One by a Trick

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

EVERY time middleweights get together to decide the championship, there is talk about Stanley Ketchel. Just as they have set up Jack Dempsey as their beau ideal in the heavyweight division, so have most of our boxing fans established Ketchel as the most spectacular performer in the middleweight class.

Much has been written about Ketchel, born Stanislaus Kiecal at Grand Rapids, Mich., on September 14, 1886, and killed by a dope-crazed farm hand at Conway, Mo., on October 15, 1910.

However, it was left for Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine, to do the greatest job of writing on Ketchel yet achieved. Fleischer's recently published "The Michigan Assassin" is the definitive life of Ketchel. Nothing more can be said about that great fighter.

If ever there was material for a fine movie in the life story of a boxer, it will be found in "The Michigan Assassin."

Ketchel competed in the ring for only eight years. In major boxing, he figured for six. Yet, in that comparatively short time, he was able to establish a reputation beyond that of any other middleweight competitor in the history of the game.

Now Stanley is virtually a legendary figure, with a hundred true and another hundred apocryphal stories about his ring accomplishments and personality in circulation.

In this series of boxing flashbacks, we already have told about several of Ketchel's encounters—his twelfth round knockout by the bigger and much heavier Jack Johnson, and engagements with Sam Langford and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien.

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IN this story we would like to recount the details of Ketchel's four fights with Billy Papke, the Illinois Thunderbolt, who started boxing around 1904 and, like Ketchel, was destined to a tragic end.

On December 27, 1936, Papke went berserk. He killed his wife and then committed suicide.

Three of those Ketchel-Papke encounters were packed into one year—1908.

It is doubtful if the annals of the ring present another such case of concentrated action and thrills—three terrific meetings of two great fighters within a period of six months.

The Michigan Assassin and the Thunderbolt met for the first time on June 4, 1908, in the city of Milwaukee, and Ketchel won this battle on points in ten rounds.

On September 8, at Vernon, Calif., Papke sprang one of the big upsets of middleweight history when he knocked out Ketchel in the twelfth.

Stan could not get Billy back into a ring fast enough. They met at San Francisco on November 26, and Ketchel hung the old kayo on Papke in the eleventh.

Fighting pose of the great Stanley Ketchel.

They battled for the fourth time in a 20 rounder at Colma, Calif., on July 5, 1909, and Ketchel got the decision. This was the prelude to Ketchel's slightly overambitious adventure against Johnson, which came three months later.

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BEFORE we go into the story of the Ketchel-Papke series, let us fill in some of the middleweight background against which they contested.

Let us run back as far as 1891. Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, still was the official middleweight champion then, though he had been knocked out by Pivot Blow George La Blanche in 1889, in an overweight match.

Along came one Robert Fitzsimmons, born in Cornwall and developed in Australia. Fitzsimmons stopped Dempsey in the thirteenth, and became the world's middleweight champion.

At that time, the weight limit of the class was 154 pounds. Fitz could not make it. He raised it to 158 and engaged in only one fight as champion of that division. Bob scored a two round knockout of Dan Creedon in New Orleans on September 26, 1894.

Later Fitz fought Jim Hall in what was labelled a middleweight title scrap, but this cannot possibly be included in the history of the class, as Bob weighed 163 and Jim 167½.

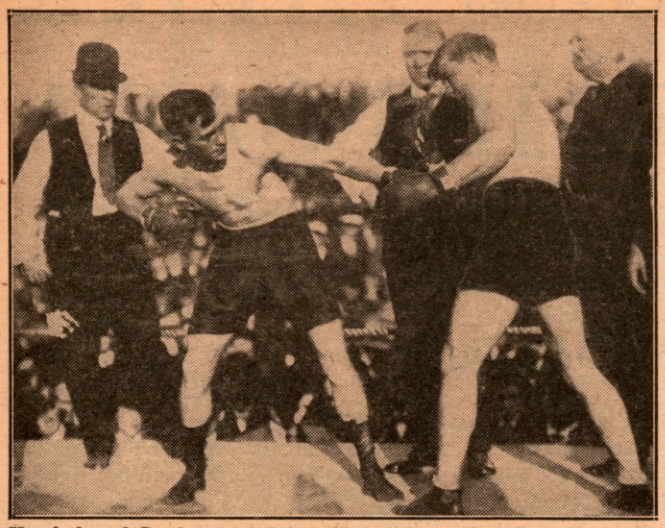
Fitzsimmons at once went into the heavyweight division and in 1897 knocked out Jim Corbett, to take the title which he was to lose, within two years, to Jim Jeffries.

After Fitz had stopped pretending that he was a middleweight, Tommy Ryan, one of the grandest boxers we have boasted of in this country, achieved recognition as the champion.

Ryan, Kid McCoy and Jack O'Brien all entered claims, and every one of them had his staunch supporters.

After Ryan had made it fairly apparent that he was the best at the weight, he retired in 1907, and once again there was turmoil among the 158 pounders.

Along came Ketchel. The experts said that the man who beat



Ketchel and Papke posing for their fight in San Francisco with Referee Welch third man in the ring. Ketchel won by a kayo.

Jack Twin Sullivan would be the real champion, and Ketchel did it. He warmed up with a one round victory over Mike Twin Sullivan at Colma on February 22, 1908, and on May 9 won the middleweight title by stopping Jack in twenty heats.

This did not satisfy Billy Papke, and that great series of battles got under way.

Incidentally, the Papke series was not the only four-fight affair in Ketchel's career. He had as many with Joe Thomas, three of them crowded into the 1907 year, in succession, and the last in 1908.

However, while Thomas stood up with Ketchel for 32 rounds, before the Assassin landed the kayo, his final adventure against Stan saw him put out in the second. The Papke series was much more thrilling.

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THE first Ketchel-Papke battle, ten rounds, was a hummer from the opening bell. They rocked each other time and again, and in the fifth it looked as if the Assassin would go under. Papke knocked him to one knee with a right to the jaw.

This got Ketchel somewhat more than sore, and in the sixth he sent Billy to a knee with a right to the jaw.

In the seventh, Ketchel went out for a kayo, but the Thunderbolt was too rugged. However, toward the end of the round Papke was holding on, and no mistake about the reason.

The eighth session was the roughest of the ten. Papke had begun to feel the pace and Ketchel chased him from pillar to post, banging away with both hands. Finally the desperate Papke, taunted into making a stand, stood up to his man and they hammered each other until the onlookers wondered how they could take it, and how they could dish out such punishment.

In the ninth, the Thunderbolt staggered the Assassin and charged in for the kill. But Stan stood his ground and they kept right on walloping each other to a fare thee well.

The tenth was one of the classics of the sour science. They just kept socking away. It was quite clearly Ketchel's fight, but Papke was far from whipped. He lost, but he wasn't scared away from hollering for a return engagement.

After he had beaten Papke and Hugo Kelly, Ketchel was acclaimed the undisputed middleweight king, by even the most captious.

Billy Naughton, the boxing sage out in San Francisco, wrote, "There is only one Stanley Ketchel and there probably never will be another like him. He is the king of real life melodrama, unequalled as a dispenser of shock-surprise in the world of pugilism."

When Ketchel and Papke met for the second time, on the night of September 7, 1908, at Vernon, California, on the outskirts of Los Angeles, Ketchel was the victim of a trick. It stood out as the most vital circumstance in a contest which produced one of the sensations of fistic history—Ketchel's twelfth round knockout, his first such defeat.

Some ring historians have taken the attitude which most fistic followers assumed when they got the news of the kayo, that Ketchel had not trained hard and had taken too much for granted.

As a matter of fact, Ketchel never was in better shape for a fight. If he hadn't been in tip top condition, he never would have lasted half a dozen rounds after what happened in the first.

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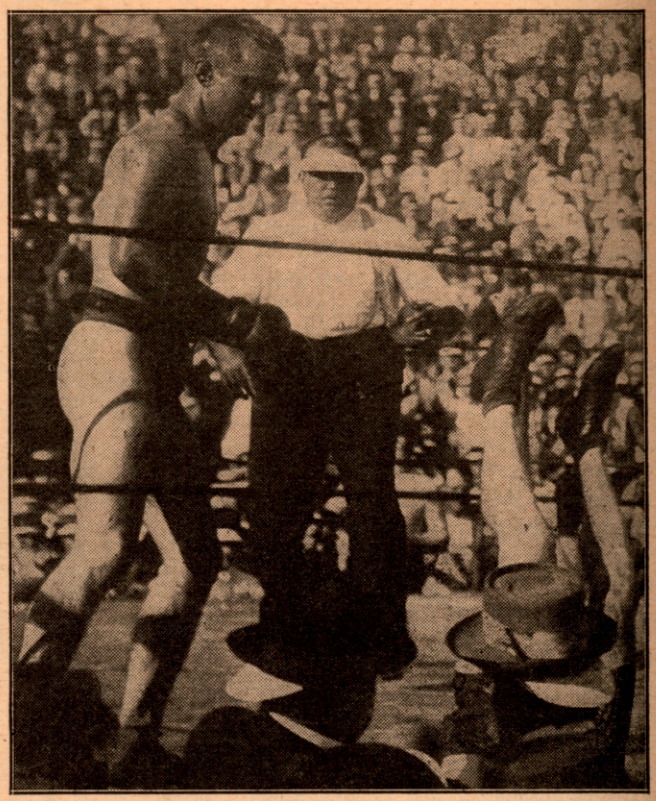
WHEN the gong sounded for the start of the fight, Ketchel walked to center and extended his glove casually—the customary "hand shake."

Papke pulled a very unsportsmanlike trick when he ignored the shake and shot a left hook to Stan's jaw.

Ketchel was relaxed. He was not protecting himself. Papke was not content with this trick. As Ketchel, dazed, staggered away, Papke chased him with a right between the eyes.

Ketchel's eyes began to glue together and Papke crashed everything he had into one of the most vicious first round assaults the ring yet has seen.

It was Ketchel's tremendous fighting heart that kept him in the ring, struggling against that early handicap. Twice Ketchel's



Papke drops Ketchel with a stunning right cross and Referee Jim Jeffries counts nine before stopping the fight.

swollen eyelids had to be lanced in that short minute's rest.

In the twelfth round, Ketchel could take it no longer. A right cross and down went the Assassin. As Jim Jeffries, the referee, counted eight, Stan got up.

Papke shot another right to the button, and again Ketchel hit the floor. He tried to rise at the count of nine but Jeffries motioned to his handlers to take him to his corner.

Thus did Billy Papke become the middleweight champion of the world.

It was a dirty trick and reflected no credit on the Thunderbolt.

But Ketchel never uttered a word of complaint. "I never would do a thing like that myself," Ketch said. "But there is nothing in the rules that says he could not do what he did.

"I was a sucker. I should have protected myself. Well, that's gone. Just let me catch that man in a ring again. That's all I ask."

Papke held the title precisely two months, two weeks and four days. Not a very long tenure, and no longer than he deserved after that stunt at Vernon.

ON November 26, 1908, at San Francisco, Ketchel achieved a feat which only rarely has been performed in the heavier classifications of boxing—that of knocking out the man who had stopped him for the title. In the heavyweight division this has yet to be accomplished.

In that revenge fight, Ketchel threw everything but the ring posts at Papke, who was able to show to advantage in only one round, the ninth.

In the eleventh, Ketchel paid Papke back with usurious interest for the trick at Vernon. He gave Billy a terrific beating before landing a right to the jaw which ended the battle, and once again made the Michigan Assassin the king of the middleweights.

As the eleventh got underway, Papke tried to clinch. Stan shook himself free and then belted the Thunderbolt to the ropes.

As Papke tried to get out of the trap, Ketch struck with a left to the jaw and Billy crumpled.

Ketchel stood over him as he arose, and Referee Welch warned him against pelting the losing champion with a right which Ketchel had started.

Ketchel then began to wallop Papke in the stomach. A left caught Billy in the solar plexus, and as his hands dropped, Ketchel applied the haymaker.

In the ninth, Papke got Ketchel right on the nose with one of the hardest punches of the fight.

Had that blow landed about three inches lower, it would have been two straight for Papke over Ketchel. As it was, Stan's schnozz bled furiously.

The men came in at 158 pounds, for a purse of $20,000 of which Papke received $12,000 and Ketchel only $8000. However, the Assassin would have fought Papke that time for nothing. He had a score to settle.

It is interesting to note that the promoters lost something like $15,000 on that fight, as the receipts were not more than $18,000.

Imagine what Ketchel and Papke would draw, in similar circumstances, in, let us say, Yankee Stadium in New York right now!

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THE last meeting, 20 rounds at Colma, was one of the most vicious contests the game has seen. Ketchel still was very sore at Papke, and Billy was sure that he was the Michigander's master.

Papke always insisted that he was not knocked out in that hectic eleventh, but had become confused as to the time.

"I could have gone on for another fifty rounds with that guy," Papke declared.

There were some 10,000 onlookers and the battlers fought under a sizzling sun.

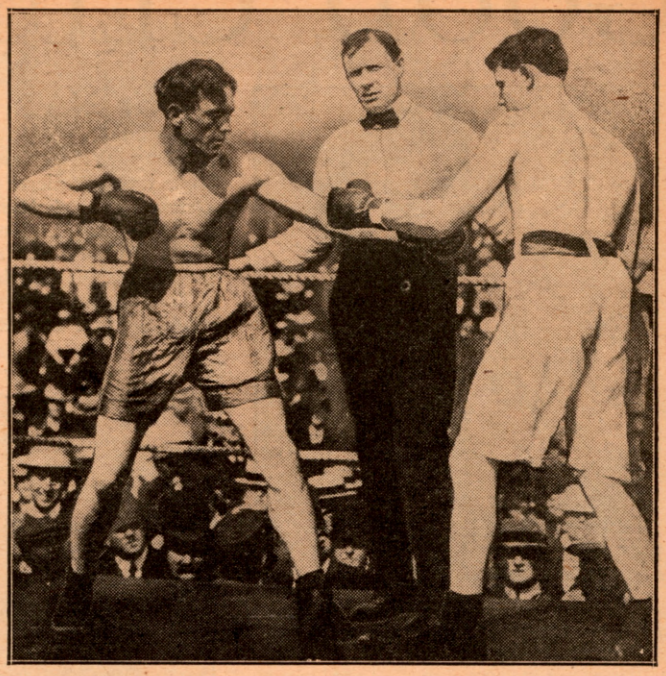
Both Ketchel and Papke suffered fractures of bones in their hands early in the fight, but that did not interfere with the carnage. A 1909 account of the fight says this about the late rounds:

"In the sixteenth Papke was plainly worried. He was frankly on the defensive until the end of the seventeenth, when he shot over two good stiff rights to the face. He appeared to again have shifted his attention to the sore nose of his opponent.

"The eighteenth was a bear. Papke started it by driving a nasty right to the jaw. Then he put two lefts to the face and forced the champion against the ropes. Then he hooked over two ugly rights to the face and things began to look bad for Ketchel, who seemed unable to land. Just before the bell rang the champion spat out a mouthful of teeth and 'claret.'

"Showing his usual remarkable recuperative powers Ketchel came up dancing in the nineteenth. They clinched and then Papke put across two stinging rights to the face. Ketchel staggered and fell into another clinch. Then Papke forced him to the ropes with a series of lefts to the jaw and nose. The round was plainly Papke's.

"The twentieth and final was ferocious in every sense of the word. Ketchel knew the honors were about even and he was out to 'kill' or be 'killed.' He was a venomous citizen, sure enough. He punched and chased Papke about the ring, but Billy apparently had about enough of that, so turning on his tormentor



Stanley Ketchel (left), posing with Joe Thomas in their fight at Colma. Billy Roche is the referee.

he forced his way back to the center of the ring. There, standing almost still in their tracks they started to slug, and for a full two minutes they continued it. The blows resounded all over the open-air arena and it is amazing what punishment the battlers took and stood up under. So finished one of the memorable battles of American ring history."

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THE story of the revenge fight in which Ketchel regained the title in the eleventh, round by round, follows:—

First Round

They came close together and began slugging. They clinched quickly, and Papke got in a right uppercut. They clinched again. Papke put in a left and right on the face. Ketchel forced him to the ropes and landed a left hook. Papke put in a left-facer and Ketchel a hard right on the temple. Papke got in two lefts on the face and Ketchel missed with the right. They clinched. Papke was the surer hitter. They swayed around quite a while without striking a blow. Papke got in a left hook on the jaw and Ketchel got in hard left hooks on the stomach and face. Papke staggered into a corner and covered up. Ketchel smashed in the stomach and over the kidney with the left. It looked bad for Papke.

Second Round

Ketchel led with a right. It was a glancing blow and they clinched. Papke shot in a straight left and Ketchel a right on the ribs. Papke put in a straight left on the mouth and Ketchel with left and right body blows forced him into the ropes. Papke drew back from a right and landed a hard right on the mouth. Ketchel put in a left body blow, and they clinched and worked into a corner. Ketchel's defense was poor. He was short with the right, and Papke gave him a hard right on the chin. While clinched at the ropes Papke brought in a hard uppercut with the right and Ketchel smashed him right and left on the body.

Third Round

Both men sparred carefully. Papke landed on the stomach with a left and they clinched, each landing a left on the face. Ketchel blocked overhand rights and they clinched again. Ketchel backed his man to the ropes with body blows and they clinched again. Papke shot in short rights on the stomach while holding. Papke got in a light left-facer on the break. Papke sent in a left on the mouth and they clinched again. Billy got in a left-jolt on the jaw and then came another clinch. Papke swung a left on the cheek after the break and they clinched again. Ketchel swung a right on the jaw and Papke came back with left and right on the face. It was slow fighting. Martin Carter, the well-known horse fancier of Newark, Cal., dropped dead while watching the fight.

Fourth Round

Ketchel was there with a straight left, but missed with a right swing. They clinched and appeared to be joshing each other. Papke jabbed a left into the stomach, and there was another clinch. Ketchel swung an overhand right, catching Papke on the jaw. Ketchel's seconds yelled, but Papke wasn't hurt. He clinched and winked at his seconds. Papke brought the right over on the jaw. Ketchel swung with a right swing and Papke sent in a poky left on the face. They clinched and Ketchel used a straight left on Papke's neck. Ketchel worked Papke into the corner and ripped the left into the body two or three times. Papke shot in two straight lefts just before the bell.

Fifth Round

Ketchel got in a left hook on the cheek and another left on the stomach. Papke threw a left into the same place and they clinched. Ketchel drove Papke through the ropes with a right on the jaw, falling with him on top of the spectators' heads. Ketchel was right back in the ring and helped Papke through the ropes. They slugged and clinched. Papke's mouth bled from Ketchel's left jolts. Papke got in short rights on the stomach. Then they broke. Ketchel missed with a full-range right swing. He put in a right on the body and another on the jaw just before the round ended. Ketchel was in the lead at this stage.

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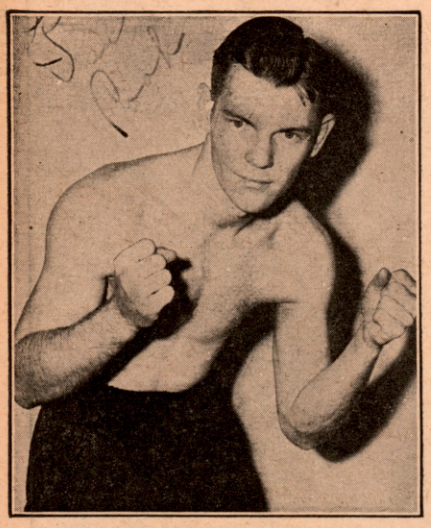
GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

By NAT LOUBET



Paul Cook, young Tacoma, Washington, former amateur, managed by Homer Amundsen.

PAUL COOK

HOMER AMUNDSEN, Tacoma, Washington, gymnasium owner, has seen many ring greats pass through the portals of his biff bistro, but so accustomed is the genial gym proprietor to watching good fistic talent, he rarely becomes enthused.

Lately, however, Homer has been singing the praises of a young featherweight, Paul Cook, whom he manages. Cook is 22 years old. He was an amateur champion and was about to turn pro back in 1942 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. His duties took him to Central and South America where he won many service titles in camp tournaments.

Upon his discharge he boxed in Florida, winning 15 of 17 fights. Paul now makes his home in Tacoma, and has engaged in about 20 bouts there. He packs a fair wallop and is a pleasing attraction.

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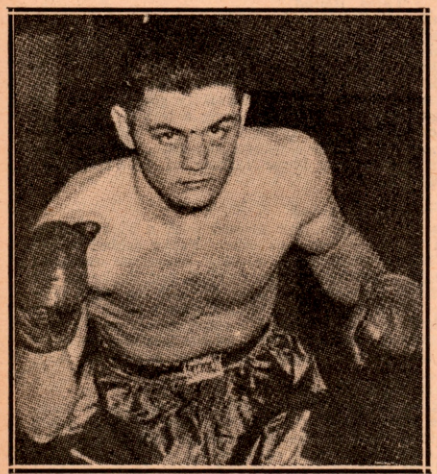
JOE BROWN

NEW ORLEANS has boasted of many great White and Negro fighters. Back in the days of Benny Leonard, the Crescent City sent Leo Johnson East, where he battled the top stars of his division.

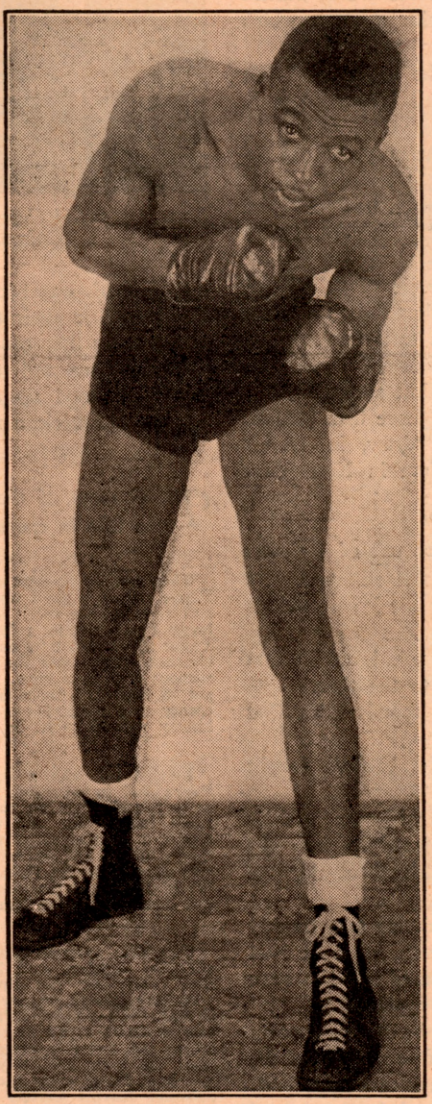


Jack Kenny, New Jersey light-heavyweight, who is back boxing again after three and one half years in the Navy.

Harry Wills, New Orleans longshoreman, was considered by many to be Jack Dempsey's Black Menace. Jack often stated that he wanted nothing better than to fight Wills but after the contracts were signed for the bout it fell through.

Today, Joe Brown, 135 pounder, who was born in Baton Rouge, is the big rage with the New Orleans fans. Many rely on Brown to carry the banner for the Crescent City in the world of fistiana.

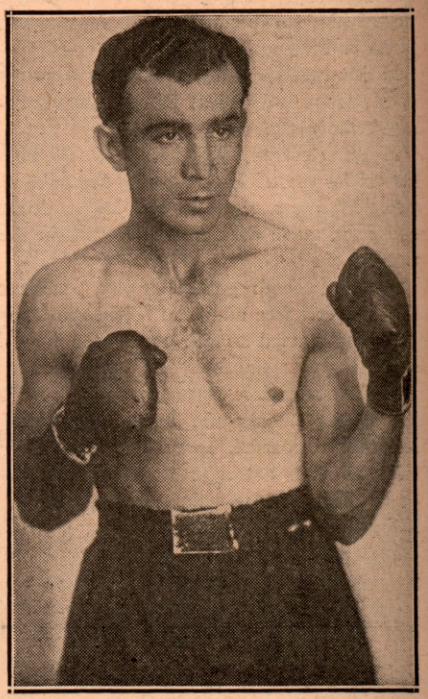
The 20-year-old Negro served for four years in the Navy, during which he engaged in exhibitions with Freddie Apostoli and Daniel Riveria.



Joe Brown, New Orleans lightweight.

Brown has had 42 fights, of which he has won 15 via the kayo route, scored 19 decisions, lost six decisions and fought two draws. In his last bout he lost to Buster Tyler in ten rounds. Although he lost Brown put up a great fight and had Tyler on the floor for the count of nine in the first.

Joe is managed by Lester Majoue, one of the younger managers handling fighters in the New Orleans area.



Charley Sanza, promising middleweight from Minersville, Pa.

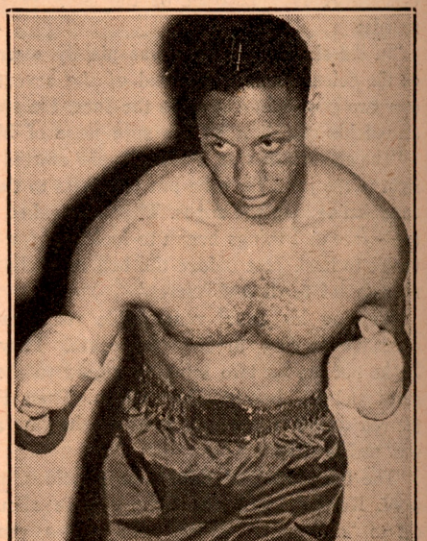
JIMMY McCLELLAN

TOLEDO has two ring prospects in the persons of Jimmy McClellan and Perry Mason, who are doing well in the Midwest.

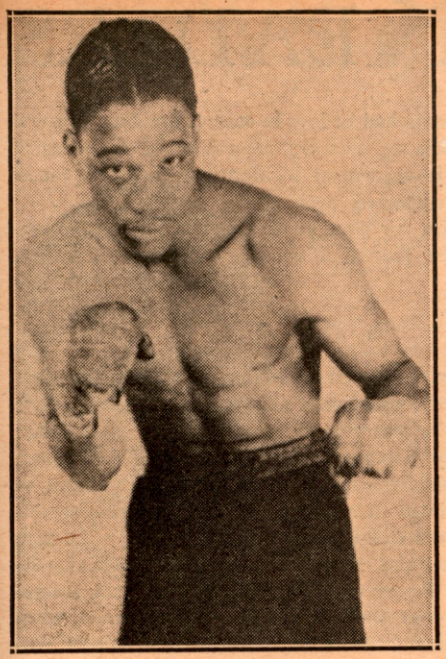
McClellan is the Negro lad who made a superb showing in the amateurs, winning 38 out of 40 fights. Then he went into the army for four years and he won the featherweight championship of the E.T.O. at Rheims. Soon after his discharge he started his pro career.

In his first contest, Jimmy was kayoed but since then he has had 11 straight wins. His latest victory was over Lou Alter.

The second half of the Toledo duo is Perry Mason, middleweight. Perry dropped only two decisions in 37 starts as an amateur. One of these was to Ezzard Charles, then the National A.A.U. middleweight



Bobby Dare, hard hitting Buffalo light-heavyweight.



Johnny Eagle, a busy Eastern middleweight.

champ and now a ranking light-heavyweight.

Mason began his pro belting as a southpaw but soon discovered that promoters shied clear of portsiders. Perry went into training and before long began to fight with the orthodox stance. This year Perry has won five out of his six bouts, the last two via the knockout route. His only loss was to Ossie Harris.

He uses a lashing style and packs a kick in either glove. At 25 he is on the threshold of the bigger money. If he does break into the select circle he will give Mrs. Mason and four-year-old Junior, a few of the things that they have missed while waiting for Pop to make the grade.

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CHARLEY SANZA

CHARLEY SANZA, 150-pounder, hailing from Minersville, is once again performing in the squared circle after his discharge from the army.

Sanza entered the army in 1942 and as a result of his participation in the European Theatre, is the wearer of battle stars and the Presidential Citation. While in the service, he won the Eighth Air Force middleweight championship by knocking out Johnny Bird of New Jersey.

Since his return to the ring wars he has had two fights, winning both. He defeated Jackie Gaines of Cleveland via the decision route and in his second start kayoed Jimmy Morgan in the first round.

Jimmy McClellan, Toledo featherweight.

Irish Jackie Hogan, Sharon, Pa., middleweight, who has scored 19 kayoes out of 44 pro bouts.

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JACK KENNY

JACK KENNY, lightheavyweight, has been discharged after 3½ years in the Navy and is continuing his ring career in New Jersey and Gotham arenas.

Jack is a native of Livingston, New Jersey. He was the recipient of several bronze battle stars for active participation in major engagements in the Pacific Theatre.

Since his discharge from the Navy he has had three fights and has won all. In his first start on May 30th at Atlantic City, Kenny kayoed Frankie Les in three rounds. On June 6 at New Brunswick, he made it two straight with a four-round kayo of Billy Farmer. On June 12 at Croke Park, N. Y., his bout with Johnny Harvey resulted in a win in eight rounds.

Kenny fights from a half-crouch stance. He is a crowd pleaser.

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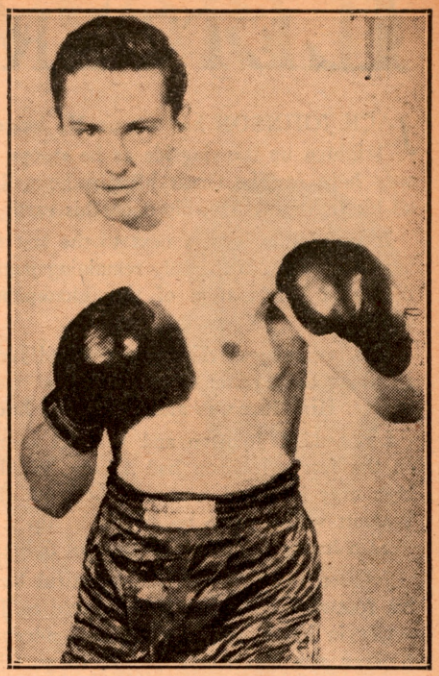
JOHNNY EAGLE

JOHNNY EAGLE, Jack Larkin's middleweight protege, has been a busy fighter in Eastern clubs since his discharge from the army. This year he got off to a bad start by losing three out of his first four starts but he went on from there to win five out of his next six bouts. He has beaten Jimmy Mulligan, Don Anderson, Vic Amato, Bobby Berger, Zach Robinson and in his last go he defeated Abel Gonsalves in ten rounds.

Eagle is the product of Detroit, where he graduated from high school. He put in two years at Howard University when the war interfered. Johnny volunteered and he worked his way up through the ranks. He finally attained the rank of lieutenant, which rank he held at the time of his discharge.

Johnny hopes to continue his education on the revenue derived from his ring endeavors.



Jimmy Warren, Brooklyn lightweight, who has a fine record of seven victories and one draw for the year. Jimmy is a fancy stepper who also can hit well with his left.

BOBBY DARE

WITH 13 victories in 16 starts, Bobby Dare, hard-hitting young Buffalo, New York, light-heavyweight, looms as a potential card in his native city. He has scored eight knockouts and has been stopped once.

Scaling around the 168 mark Bobby has even tangled with heavyweights and emerged victorious. Among the better name fighters he has defeated, Dare can list the names of Steve Mamakos and Buddy Rose. He is managed by Guy T. Sulpi.

Jimmy (King Kong) Hunt, Michigan lightweight, boasts 12 straight knockouts since turning pro.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

JACK JOHNSON has left us. No longer will his golden smile brighten up the ringside as he stoops under the ropes. I can only hope in The Great Minàna he will have a good gate for all his fine sportsmanship upon this earth of ours.

Jack Johnson is now next to the last fighter who lustered in my era. Jeffries is the only remaining pugilist—a time which held the finest combination of ring champions the world has ever offered.

The beginning of this century found Jack Johnson busy boxing all along the Pacific Coast. He never was the slugging type of fighter. His fame was along scientific lines.

I remember Johnson and Walcott coming across to Oakland on the ferry. Johnson had a cane, and he raised his long arm high over his head, and then held out the cane horizontally as Walcott would jump up trying to tip it with his hands. They were a happy pair. Two wonderful fighters and close friends.

Johnson did not have the beautiful boxing skill of Corbett—his footwork could not be compared to Jim's—but he had more power in his blows. He had a wonderful sense of timing and I never saw him where he had to go all out to win his fights. If there were any barnacles on his hull they never showed up in the ring. Any of our present day fighters would have been applesauce for Jack Johnson. Compared to him they are joyless and juiceless.

Now this great fighter, who could release a grin, broad-gauged and happy, is dead. He has gone to the Never-Never-Mind-Land where life is not small-souled nor does it become mildewed, where personalities are equipped with a central heating plant and that is, Love Thy Neighbor. Gone, is a man who was not afraid of laughter. We won't drape his memory in crepe. We will herald it as a great performance by a man whose color was not white —but who fought from a "white" heart, and a truly wonderful career.

You have lost, Nat, a man who cared very dearly for you and behind the scenes of life—which are so often never, never advertised, I think you, above all, did the most to help and encourage Jack Johnson.

VINCENT WOODBURY,
San Antonio, Texas.

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THERE are many amusing incidents in the history of boxing that are worth writing about, although they are too short to provide material for a regular article. I have always thought it was too bad that these short stories had to be passed up.

In your October issue is an article entitled "From the Oldtimer's Scrapbook." The more I thought about it, the more I realized that this should be a monthly feature. It is just the thing for covering the many short stories that are worth telling. I hope you will give the proposal some serious consideration.

N. T. LOPEZ,
Los Angeles, Cal.

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I WISH to extend to you my personal sincere thanks for your keen interest and full-hearted cooperation in helping to present the boxing show at the Fort Dix Boxing Arena on the evening of August 15, 1946, and refereeing the ten round bout between Marty Servo and Bobby Lakin. It is always a keen pleasure for me to meet men like yourself, who unselfishly devote their time and talents to bring a little happiness to the wounded and maimed servicemen who have given all of us so very much.

The thrills of the evening, as provided by yourself, Weill-Servo & Co., will long be remembered by all those who witnessed it. The patients in the hospital are still talking about it. I feel that everyone present there that night left the Arena with the feeling that they had witnessed the finest in demonstrations of true American sportsmanship and everyone was cognizant of how very much the participants had to lose in case of accident. Messrs. Weill, Servo and Lakin by this demonstration of their eager desire to bring a little enjoyment to shut-ins, endeared themselves to those who witnessed their show.

With every good wish for your good health and good fortune, and again my heartiest thanks, I am

LT. JOHN F. GANSON,
Athletic Officer, Fort Dix.

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I HAVE been a staunch follower of boxing for over sixty years and still think it is the greatest of all sports. In the early days of the ring when the referee was the sole arbitrator and judge of a contest, frequently disputes arose over his decisions. Later, the boxing rules were changed and two judges in addition to the referee were appointed to render a decision. Yet despite this process of judging, there still exists a question whether the man knocked down received the right count from the official who makes the count. Take for example the fight between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney in their second bout in Chicago when Tunney got the long count. There have been other contests similar to this one which have been disputed. Boxing is too fine a sport to censure or reprove. Therefore we must find a remedy that is absolutely true and final.

I believe that I have found the solution that will settle all disputes on the long or short count. It's a ten second clock. The moment a boxer is knocked down by his opponent, the official counting for the knock down presses a foot lever and the count begins. The instant the ten seconds is reached a gong sounds and the boxer is counted out. In the event the boxer gets up before the full count, the man operating the device removes his foot from the lever and the seconds will be registered on the clock. The clock should be large enough for the audience to see. Any of the clock manufacturers can make up the device.

HARRY T. COOK,
West Virginia.

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FROM my own personal experience with boxing and those in the game, I can certainly understand why THE RING Magazine is tabbed "The Boxer's Bible." Your magazine is regarded as far superior to other sources of boxing news. Your timely editorials, exciting covers, action photos of leading fights, and general news of the great game of boxing are tops. Your "ring ratings" are regarded by all as official and final. It surely is popular with followers of boxing.

Your article in the April edition of this year entitled "In Defense of Boxing" was of extreme interest to me as about this time my family was in a general turmoil over their sudden and shocking discovery that I had been boxing under A. A. U. sanction without their knowledge of it for close to a year. After numerous discussions with my parents concerning my desire to enter A. A. U. boxing, all of which were to no avail, I secretly entered the leading Portland fight gym, changed my name somewhat, and under capable trainers prepared for ring competition.

Entering the ring against my manager's wishes and in comparatively poor condition I was stopped in the third round. This should have taught me a good lesson, but it didn't, as I fought twice more, losing both times.

I guess this showed me you've got to be in good condition with quite some experience behind you to do much in the ring. I trained hard for four months before having another bout. Since then I have won two out of three, acquired a few trophies, and was doing all right. My parents' discovery of my boxing came as a shock to them. They believed I had been in a "bully" sport, a "racket" with cheap men whose only instinct is to hit. I was proud of your article which, I think, has helped to disprove the theory which my parents have.

WOODY WILLIS,
From the Mid-West.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

Earl McCready, a favorite with wrestling fans.

CHARLES "SPIDER" MASCALL sends in the following story from Europe:—

Nowadays wrestling is the most reviled of sports in a world where every sport is a highly organized business or to put it in plainer words a "racket." Yet of all the events that parade before the paying public grappling is the toughest and most heart-breaking of sporting professions.

Critics are too often, sometimes without the least consideration, apt to decry the sport in which two men lock arms and limbs in an exhibition of skill and daring. It is easy to condemn but so hard for many writers to tap out a few words of praise for the lads who risk their lives and limbs in a four-posted square paradoxically called the ring.

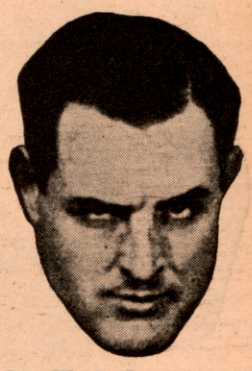
Wrestling has been "exposed" many times, people say. But has it? Unscrupulous promoters, bosses of the game, have aired their personal troubles in gigantic court cases. These have been widely publicized in the presses of the nations to give rise to the theory that all wrestling is crooked and all wrestlers are a low type of individual. Even Hollywood has assisted in the campaign by turning out film vehicles depicting the matman as an ape-like moron with nothing above his neck except his cauliflower ears.

But really this is all hokum. Sure there are some of this breed, there are in all sports, but most of them are still grappling in gyms or appearing in opening bouts on some kerosene circuit. The average wrestler of the modern school is a well-educated, widely-travelled fellow who probably knows more about certain trades than those of the public who watch him. More times than not he is college trained and a graduate from the amateur wrestling ranks.

Take for example, Earl McCready, the Canadian, who even the lowest critic of the mat game will have to admit is one of the greatest wrestlers of our time. Earl went to school in Oklahoma. Though a Canuck, he represented the Oklahoma A. & M. in the inter-collegiate trials.

Also, he was a member of Canada's 1928 Olympic team to Amsterdam. It's taken the paying public more than fifteen years to cotton on to the panther-like McCready, but up in Canada they reckon him the greatest of the greats. As do too the followers in New Zealand and Australia where he gained for wrestling a wide following of fans. He numbers amongst his friends, ministers of the British Crown as well as just ordinary people like you and me.

Then there's Ed "Don" George, the Gene Tunney of the wrestling world. George is a Buffalo boy and ex-heavyweight wrestling champion. He, too, saw Amsterdam as a member of America's 1928 Olympic contingent. He may think now that he's had his day, but experts will agree with me that few men could touch the North Java Don even today.



Lee Wyckoff, a veteran who has returned to action.

Another of the school that is a credit to the name of sport is veteran Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who can proudly boast that he has spent more than thirty-five years between the ropes. Youngsters may be taking his number nowadays, but, Ed Lewis has been five times wearer of the world heavyweight wrestling title and few will rank higher in popularity than the Old Headlocker from Kentucky and Los Angeles. Truly, a Southern gentleman.

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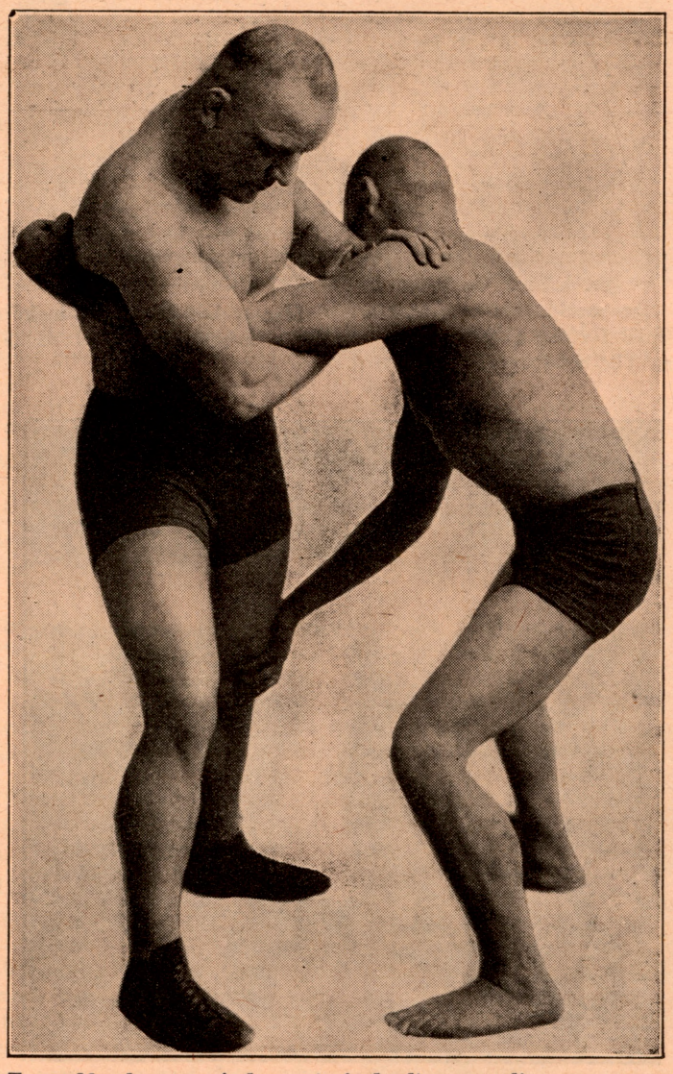


Toots Mondt, one of the nation's leading wrestling promoters, as he looked in his prime.

DAVE LEVIN is heading back East after a successful Western tour. Dave, former Jamaica, Long Island, butcher boy, pocketed plenty of greenbacks on his trip where he played before packed houses.

Team matches are attracting interest in Washington, D.C., where a troupe of top-notchers are presenting this exciting form of the sport.

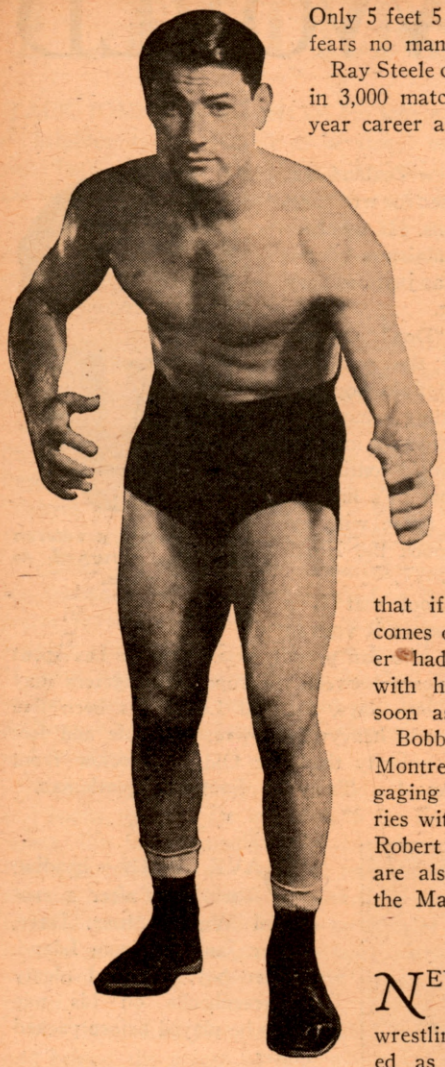
Veteran mat impresario, Paul Bowser, started his indoor season in Boston with Ivan Rasputin vs. Mephisto. Paul has a lot of new faces in the Hub city and expects a banner year. Good luck Mr. B.

Orville Brown, one of the many who claim the championship of the world, is wrestling around Kansas City.

The Cardiff Giant, a bearded monster from Wales is a good attraction down Florida way. Veteran Roland Kirchmeyer is also working in the deep South.

Many wrestlers, getting a bit tired of grunting every night, have turned boxer for a week or so. The latest being Bull Curry and Bull Montana. We agree, that is a lot of "Bull."

Abie Coleman, who did very well out in Denver, Colorado, is back East where he has always been a popular idol.



Tony Martinelli now wrestling in California.

Only 5 feet 5 inches tall, little Abe fears no man.

Ray Steele claims to have wrestled in 3,000 matches during his thirty year career as a topnotcher.

Tony Martinelli is showing his wares in California. A former Fordham University football star, Tony specializes in spectacular holds such as the flying head scissors.

Everett Marshall has cracked the headlines again by posting a $10,000 certified check for a mixed bout with Joe Louis. One thing we know, that if such a thing ever comes off, the Brown Bomber had better hit Everett with his Sunday punch as soon as the bell rings.

Bobby Managoff is up in Montreal, where he is engaging in an interesting series with Louis Thesz. Yvon Robert and the giant Talun are also up in the land of the Maple Leaf.

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NEVER before in the history of California wrestling has a man attracted as much attention and interest as the former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, Primo Carnera. The massive Italian is making a small fortune playing to turnaway crowds everywhere he appears. The newspapers have given Carnera every kind of publicity which accounts for much of his success.

Primo is a great showman and gives the impression that he has been wrestling all his life. Actually he was a wrestler long before he became a leather pusher. His present plans call for him to return to the East Coast and wrestle there until his return to his native Italy.

Another matman recently returned to the game is Lee Wyckoff, who is now wrestling in the Mid-West.

The 640-pound Blimp is on tour and, as usual, is a great attraction. He knows nothing about wrestling but people come to see if a man could possibly be that large. We can tell them right now the answer is "Yes."

George Temple has found a good tramping ground in Canada. Canadian fans like Shirley's brother and his clean kind of wrestling.

MARVIN Mercer, a Pennsylvania Dutchman with loads of color and ability, has caused fans to sit up and take notice around the Eastern part of the nation.

A rough tough grappler of the Dusek school, Marvin also has the finesse of a Jesse James or a Maurice LaChapelle.

At school he was an all-around athlete excelling in basketball and swimming. He never took wrestling seriously until after his graduation and then he took to it as a duck takes to the drink. As a youngster he loved the sport of tumbling which accounts for his catlike swiftness inside the roped square. The fans love to see Marvin move about, each move has the grace of a ballet dancer.

Abie Coleman, the mat's mighty mite.

No giant, Mercer stands 5 feet 9½ inches tall and weighs 195 pounds. He has a 49-inch chest and only a 30-inch waist. Always forced to give away weight to opponents, he more than makes up for it with his mastery of a multitude of holds and his speed.

Mercer has decided to make a tour of the West and we predict a bright future for this 25-year-old lad.

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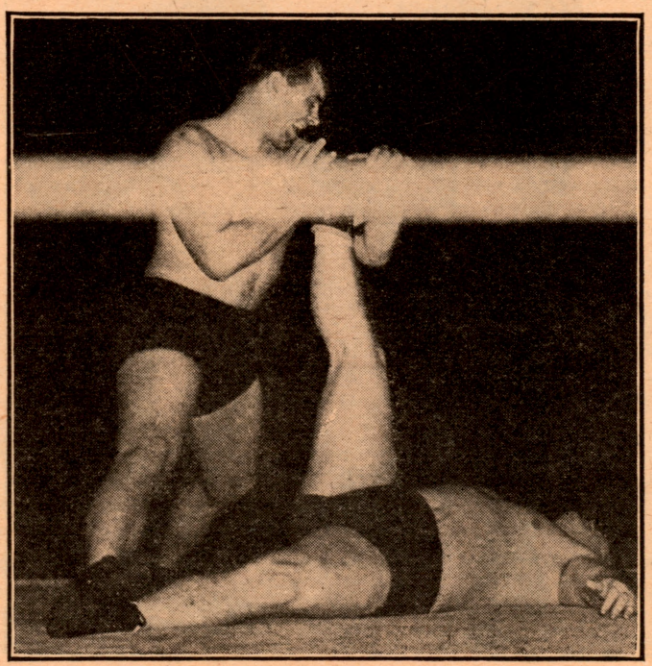
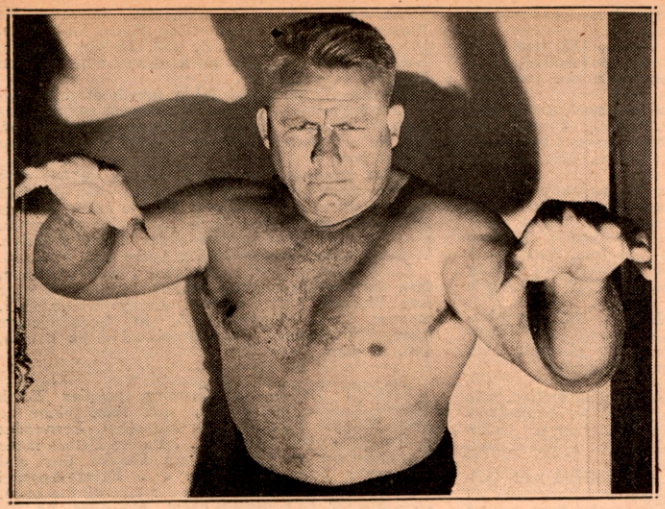
WE HAD planned to run the story of Farmer Burns in this issue of the old-timer series, but a visitor to THE RING office this morning changed our plans.

Strutting up to our desk, spry as a young chipper, came George Bothner. A wrestling institution in himself, Bothner has gone down in mat history as one of its all-time greats. As a wrestler, he was a wonder. As a referee, he is one of the best. As a physical instructor he is tops and as a man, George Bothner is a credit to the world of sport, and he commands the respect of all who know him.

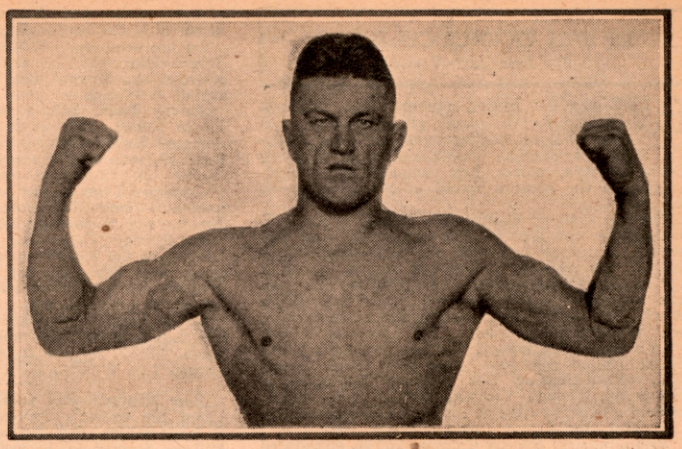
Most followers of the mat sport are of the opinion that Bothner was a heavyweight. He was only a lightweight in his prime and seldom scaled over 135 pounds. Wrestling catch-as-catch-can style, Bothner defeated men weighing up to 300



Orville Brown, powerful Mid-Westerner, applying pressure to a toe and leg hold on a victim.



Everett Marshall, the Colorado onion farmer, who is willing to take on Joe Louis in a mixed match for a $10,000 side bet.



John Pesek, the Tigerman of wrestling, whose son Jack is an all-around athlete at the University of Nebraska. He may follow in his dad's footsteps by joining the wrestling team.

pounds. To meet a man weighing only 238, was not unusual for George.

He held his lightweight championship for 20 years during which time he defended it over 200 times. He wrestled in over 2500 contests and was never thrown by opponents his own weight. He lost to Eugene Timbley in a title bout at catch weights in a contest that lasted eight hours and 17 minutes.

Three aces of wrestling (left to right)—Tom Jenkins, George Bothner and George Hackenschmidt. This photo was taken at West Point when Hackenschmidt paid a visit to his old pals. Jenkins was the wrestling instructor at the U.S. Military Academy.

George won the Richard K. Fox belt in 1903 for the lightweight championship of the world. He toured the country with John L. Sullivan, Jake Kilrain, Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons, offering $25 to anyone who could stay 15 minutes with him. He had to pay twice, both times to heavyweights.

Today George Bothner runs a gymnasium on 8th Avenue and 42nd Street in New York City. Among his patrons are most all of the present day wrestlers and many of the nation's leading entertainers.

As a referee, Bothner is unsurpassed. His knowledge of the sport and ability to move around with great speed keeps the big boys on their guard at all times. It is interesting to notice how the tough wrestlers obey Referee Bothner. He seldom gets any back talk after making a decision. The reason is simple—the wrestlers have great admiration for this little white-haired man.

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HIS fellow teammates on the University of Nebraska football team call him "Happy Jack." His constant smile and good nature is great for their morale and helps them win football games. This youngster's dad is John Pesek, the ageless heavyweight grappler from Ravenna, Nebraska.

A great deal has been written about John Pesek and his wrestling skill. His nickname, "Tigerman," fits him like a glove, for he does remind the onlooker of a tiger stalking his prey.

Mat fans in the Mid-West are wondering if they will be seeing another Pesek wrestling in a few years in young Jack, who stands six feet three inches and tips the beam at 212 pounds. He is built like a Greek god and has the smooth muscular coordination of a top-notch wrestler.

Needless to say, Papa Pesek is very proud of his offspring. We know of many a youngster who would give anything to receive the advice and instruction of so wonderful a wrestler as John Pesek, and in young Jack we look for a chip off the old block.

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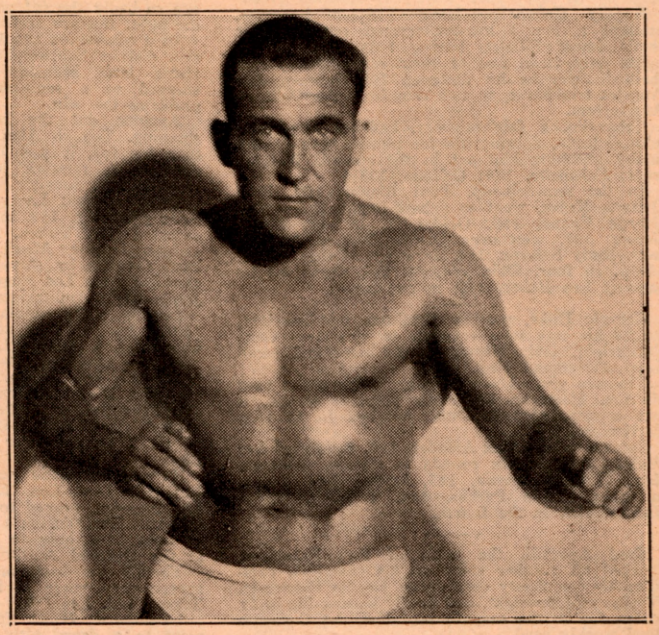
Word has reached us from Boston that Ed ("Strangler") Lewis has turned referee. He was billed as the third man in a contest between Ivan Martinson of Denmark and Maurice ("Angel") Tillet of France.



Marvin Mercer, a newcomer from Pennsylvania.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

HERE are the boxing reports from northern California for the month of September.

Jesse Flores, boxing sensation from Stockton, kept his winning streak intact by stopping Eddie Marcus, clever Los Angeles Irish lightweight, in the seventh round at the Civic Auditorium.

Flores, northern California's threat to the 135-pound title, cut Marcus' left eye in the first and messed it up so badly in the following rounds that the commission medico was forced to call a halt in the seventh session. The Stockton Mexican was much the better boy and outclassed Eddie at will. It was his 36th straight win since turning pro. Weights were: Flores, 138; Marcus, 138½.

In a companion tenner, Vic Grupico, local North Beach Italian southpaw, won over tough Sonny Hill, crowd-pleasing Los Angeles Negro, in a fast scrap. Though Vic was floored in the ninth, he held a decisive edge at the finish. Grupico scaled 138; Hill, 135½.

Preliminaries: Speedy Cannon, 157½, outpointed Wilson Mackey, 160½, in four. Cupid Gordon, 167, stopped Oscar Johnson, 169, in three rounds. Bobby Garcia, 129, outpointed Orville Young, 125, in four.

Fred Apostoli, former New York middleweight champ, added another win to his comeback trail by decisioning Sheik Rangel, Fresno roughster, in ten rounds at Sacramento's L Street Arena.

It was a sensational scrap with both pitching leather continually. Fred moved around cleverly and jabbed his foe at will. However, Sheik pleased the fans plenty by storming back and always trying. Both received tremendous ovations when they left the ring. Weights were: Apostoli, 157; Rangel, 152.

In the semi-windup, George Cooper, 154, stopped Cy Perkins, 151, in two rounds. Wilson Mackey, 160, upset Paul Kaylor, 155, in four. Earl Syas, 145, licked Ward Jenkins, 147, in four. Nick Votich, 145, drew with considerably lighter Ray Syas, 132, in four.

Eddie Prince, popular Negro lightweight, stopped Julio Franco, 137, in three rounds at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

Franco, a Los Angeles Negro, wasn't in Prince's class and the latter was in there to prove it, which he did very capably. This corner thinks Eddie is an underrated mittster and could lick more than half of the boys who are fighting big club main events. Weights were: Prince, 138; Franco, 137.

Earl Turner, the "Earl of Richmond," finally defeated Chester Slider, transplanted Fresno lad, after three previous engagements by winning a decision over the latter at the Oakland Auditorium.

Their series reads, two for Chet, one for Earl and one even. A crowd paid $9,310 to see these two action-plus battlers. Turner tipped the beam at 148, a half-pound less than Slider.

In the semi-final, Jerry Goldberg, 177, returned to the ring after a long layoff to decision Al Timmons, 179, Los Angeles Negro veteran, in six rounds. Bobby Jones, 145, fast-rising young Oaklander, whipped Melvin Bartholomew, 147, New Orleans Negro, in an upset over the six-round route. In the opener, Harry Albritton, 146, Guido Giometti's good welter, outpointed Phil Smith, 150½, in four.

Speedy Cabanello, latest Filipino importee, brought a few fellow-countrymen out of their shells (most Filipino boxing fans come to the fights only when one of their race battles) and thrilled them as he flattened Eli Golindo, Los Angeles trial-horse, in two rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Cabanello, a fair mittster, had an easy time with Golindo, flooring his foe almost at will, and finally knocking him out in the second. Weights were: Cabanello, 124; Golindo, 123½.

In the semi-windup, Paul Blanks, 159, New Orleans Negro, went to a hard-fought draw with George Evans, 166, Oaklander, in six. Bobby Garcia, 127, won over Orville Young, 129, in four. Rudy Salazar, 144, drew with Oscar Smith, 139½, in four. Obie Wooten, 169, surprised by kayoing Leo Baker, 165, in one round.

Georgie Duke, popular Petaluma middleweight, fought his way to a rematch decision over Gene Cartwright, Ohio Negro, in the ten-round headliner at National Hall.

The win gives Duke an edge in the series over his foe. However, like their previous scraps, it was a close contest. Duke weighed in at 153; Cartwright, 147.

Preliminaries: Alex Amador, 138, decisioned Lee Walker, 137, in six rounds to remain unbeaten. Gene (Lucky) Brown, 145, kayoed Jose Novoa, in three. Willie Parker, 160, T.K.O.'ed Chris Vargas, 150, in the fourth.

Fred Apostoli, the pride of San Francisco, knocked off another stone on his comeback campaign by completely outclassing Dencio Cabanello, Filipino middleweight, and finally halting his badly beaten foe in the seventh round of the Coliseum Bowl weekly card.

Freddie looked trim at 159. Dencio tried to make a fight of it, but Apostoli's class was too far above him. Cabanello weighed 153.

In the semi-final, Willie Brown, 183, won over Jerry Goldberg, 177, Oakland Jewish lad, in a six-rounder. Brown had too much for an ever-trying Goldberg.

Jimmy Rock, 183, a good prospect, outpointed Eddie Keller, 182, in four. Orville Young, 126, defeated Bobby Garcia, 127, in four. Larry Carter, 159, won over Speedy Cannon, 159, in four.

Coming off the canvas four times, Jackie McCoy, gamecock from Los Angeles, fought back at a furious clip to win an earned ten-round decision over Speedy Cabanello, much-talked-of Filipino battler, in the feature go at San Jose. Speedy put up a good fight, but his foe's spirit and boxing skill wore him down and enabled Harry Winkler's fighter to grab the nod.

Other results: Frankie Russell, 159, hard-hitting Los Angeles youngster, outscored Gene Valenzuela, 156½, to win in six. Billy Mitchell, 140, kayoed Lee Walker, 139, in three rounds.

Star Misamis, still another Filipino battler, was given the crowd's approval after he banged-out a hard-fought decision over Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, former featherweight king, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

It was a slugfest brawl, which found both lads giving their best. The decision was close and as always in a hotly-contested scrap the fans argued over who should have been given the nod. Misamis, who racked up his second American win, is a stand-up fighter, while Wilson is the boxing type. Such combinations always make forth with good fights, as it proved to be. Weights were: Misamis, 136; Wilson, 133½.

In the semi-windup, Dee Edwards, 190, a coming Negro heavy, nodded Jerry Goldberg, 178, in six rounds. Alex Amador, 137, unbeaten Frisco lad, and Maxie Ankele, 138, unbeaten Oaklander, went to a fast draw in a special sixer.

Kayo Janic, 160, local Marine hero, made his comeback a questionable one. Though his first try was a kayo over California Jackie Cooper, 155, in one round, Cooper lay down before Janic let fly with his heavy artillery. After some discussion, Cooper was suspended and Janic was credited with a one-round knockout. In the opener, Harry Albritton, 145, halted Bill Thompson, 153, in four.

Jess Flores, this section's treat to the lightweight title, showed his wares before a big turnout in his home town and walked off with a clear-cut edge over Sonny Hill, Los Angeles Negro, in ten rounds at Stockton.

Flores, unbeaten in some 37 fights, has too much speed and skill for the rough Negro. Jess weighed 136, Hill 136.

Doug Ellison, Oakland Negro heavyweight, beat a fellow townsman, Johnny Ebarb, E.T.O. War boxing champion, by decision in, of all places, San Francisco! At National Hall to be exact.

Very seldom do two Oaklanders headline a Frisco main-go. Ellison clearly won in a bout that was neither drab nor thrilling.

Prelims: Billy Neyland, 147½, upset Billy Harrison, 146½, hard-hitting local welterweight, by winning a T.K.O. in the second. Gene Loughridge, 155, highly-touted Los Angeles Negro, decisioned Leo Baker, 164, in four. Leroy Willie, 136, halted Jose Novoa, 136, easily in three.

Tony Bosnich, youthful local heavyweight, outslugged Jack Huber, ex-Los Angeles gob, in a free-swinging bout at the Coliseum Bowl to win a technical knockout in the seventh round.

Tony broke Huber's nose and messed up his eye so badly the ref was forced to call a stop to the fight. Bosnich scaled 186, Huber 198.

In a companion headliner, Buddy Jacklich, Mission district lightweight, and Alex Amador, fast-rising local Mexican, two unbeaten "comers" slugged to a sensational tempo with Jacklich grabbing the win.

Amador did the boxing with Jacklich the slugging. Though Alex landed many more times than his foe, it was Buddy who was doing the damage. A rematch is certain. The Irish boy weighed 134, Amador 136.

Other results: Larry Carter, 160½, won over Speedy Cannon, 158, in four. Mack Gallardo, 135, defeated Nick Votich, 135, in four.

Juan Leanos, Mexican lightweight, became a local favorite by stopping Willie (Dub) Bowen, ex-sailor from Los Angeles, in two rounds at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

Leanos easily outclassed his rugged foe and halted him without too much trouble. Leanos weighed 134, Bowen 136.

In the semifinal, Oscar Smith, 138, surprised by kayoing Jess Salazar, 138, in two rounds. Salazar, San Diego Mexican, figured to win handily over the unknown Oaklander. Manuel Montes, 134, kayoed Art Luna, 132, in three rounds. Red Terry, 175, won over Herman Vouns, 163, in four.

Termed by fistic scribes the "Iron Man of Boxing," Don Lee, Nebraska welterweight via Los Angeles, proved to be just that by standing up under Earl Turner's best shots and coming back to fight hard only to lose a ten-round decision at the Oakland Auditorium.

Though the bout turned one-sided, Lee's aggressiveness made it interesting. Weights were Turner 147, Lee 149.

Undercard: Bobby Jones, 147, Oakland comer, went to a draw with Willie Butler, 154, local Negro, in six rounds. Butler surprised by holding Jones even. Johnny O'Neill, 175, kayoed Obie Wooten, 170, easily in two. Harry Albritton, 146, stopped Gene Brown, 150, in three. Eddie Halligan, 161, fought to a draw with Wilson Mackey, 164, in four.

Freddie Apostoli added his fourth straight victim on his comeback road. The newest entrant was popular Georgie Duke, Petaluma middleweight, and he succumbed in nine rounds at the Civic Auditorium.

Duke received the worst beating of all who have met Fred on his return to the ring. Apostoli floored Duke several times in the early rounds and managed to keep him down in the ninth. Georgie tried hard but was far from effective. Weights were: Apostoli 157, Duke 153.

Larry Carter, 159, outpointed Speedy Cannon, 160, in the semi. Billy Wilson, 138, won over Lee Walker, 138, in four. Leroy Willis, 139, stopped Paul Paulus, 135, in two. George "Slugger" Maddox, 152, outpointed Gene Brown, 148, in four.

SHORT JABS—Vic Grupico, popular North Beach Italian lightweight, will soon plane to meet Frankie Fernandez in Honolulu. Fernandez is the idol of the Island. . . . Paulie Peters made his comeback to the ring up Eureka way and won over Sam Hughes. . . . Peters-Apostoli would be great. . . . Fred is the talk of the town. . . . So far he's looked great. However, he has failed to meet anything that topnotch. . . . Tommy Egan, local Irish favorite, to go to the post again soon. . . . He'll pack 'em in as fans go for an action-fighter like Egan.

Promoter Benny Ford is looking for a good foe for Jesse Flores, sensational young Stockton lightweight. Ford wants Enrique Bolanos, Bob Montgomery, Leo Rodak or John Thomas. All have offers, but so far no answers. . . . Julio Menendez, crack San Jose Mexican, unbeaten in the professional ranks, will soon step up to main events. . . . Jackie McCoy, Harry Winkler's Irish feather, is the rave of San Jose. The fans want more of McCoy and his gameness. He has thrilled the fans a-million-and-one times in fights at San Jose. . . . Tony Rodriquez, hard-hitting local Mexican, soon to swing back into action. Hasn't fought since he lost to Benny Calla. . . . Ritchie Shinn is going great guns in Honolulu. . . . Al Ware, roly-poly Oaklander, recently fought in Salt Lake City and lost a close decision to Tiger Jack Fox, the ol' vet, in ten. . . . Grant Butcher, topnotch amateur lightheavy, soon to turn pro. . . . Verne Bybee, the Brisbane buzzsaw, is a proud papa. His wife gave birth to a baby girl. . . . Jackie Ryan, San Francisco Irish middleweight, intends on staying in Honolulu for awhile. . . . Tony Olivera, topnotch Frisco bantamweight, is going great in the northwest. He licked Jackie Turner and Georgie Fretias up there and now they want him against Joey Dolan. . . . Elmer Ferrari has a white heavyweight hope. He's Jack Beasly, stands 6 feet, 4 inches and weighs 214 pounds. Not bad for a start. . . . Dick Valerga, popular tavern owner, has joined up with Frankie Scaler as co-promoter at National Hall. . . . That's about thirty for now.

IN CHICAGO

With GENE ENGEL

EMIL NANNY, promoter of the Twentieth Century Boxing Club, presented his inaugural program at the Ashland Auditorium between Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio, puncher, and Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, Ind., who substituted for Melio Bettina, who suffered a cut eye in a previous match. Knox, before 2000 fans, outpunched and outgeneraled the Hoosier heavyweight, who fought pluckily all the way in the 10 rounds.

Charles (Doc) Williams, Chicago light-heavy, and Al King of Detroit, battled six furious rounds to a draw. Williams scored a knockdown in the fifth, but couldn't keep King dethroned.

In the preliminaries, Richard Hammond, Chicago 167-pounder, stopped Dave Griffin, Gary, in the third canto. Todd Tate, 182, of Chicago, beat burly Tiny Robinson, a mere 230 pounds, in four rounds. Tim Dalton, pleasing Westside lightweight youngster, won decisively over Willie Scott of Gary, and in the opening contest Jack Huber had too much polish for Mike Caruso of the Westside, Huber stopping his man in the third stanza.

Jake LaMotta, middleweight contender, out of New York City, reigned a hailstorm of blows on Rapid Robert Satterfield, who fell by the wayside in the seventh round before 9950 enthusiastic fightgoers, who contributed to a gross gate of $54,412.88.

Satterfield did the best he could, but was no match for the two-fisted "Jake the giant killer."

Brother Joey LaMotta wasn't so fortunate as Jake, as he received a ten-round pasting at the hands of the Estonian middleweight contender, Anton Raadik. Anton worked inside uppercuts to Joey's face that eventually made the younger LaMotta's face look like a balloon.

Bob Foxworth, undefeated young light-heavyweight prospect, did it again. This time Charley Polk felt the sting of Bob's potent fists to the tune of three rounds of a scheduled six-rounder.

James Anderson, Johnny Coulon's heavyweight protege, won a blistering four-rounder from Vince Calzaretta, who rallied and scored a knockdown

in the fourth frame, but fell slightly short of victory, according to the officials' scoring.

Charley Riggs of Akron, Ohio, won over Cy Ellison, Chicago heavyweight, in a pleasing four-rounder.

In the opening contest Lynch Travis spilled Caesar Cooper, Southside welter, for the count in round one.

Booker Beckwith, elusive Gary, Ind., light-heavyweight star, smashed his way to a stunning ninth-round knockout victory over tough Jimmy Fields, who, before being kayoed, almost upset Booker in the seventh round. When the ninth canto rolled around, Beckwith picked his opening and ended Fields' courageous stand for the night.

Bob Foxworth again hit his stride, this time belting Al King of Detroit, Mich., out of the picture inside of three frames.

Joey Belfiore, lightweight newcomer, did a good job on Cedric Flournoy, Milwaukee Negro scrapper, and punched out a decisive triumph over the "Brewery City" gamester. This was the eight-round semi-windup.

Tim Dalton, Westside lightweight prospect, won a bristling contest from Herman Mills, Memphis Red's agile 135-pounder, in five rounds; Tommy Lewis, Detroit (southpaw) lightweight, defeated Pat Hagen in five rounds and Bunny Berrigan halted Nick Kachardus in one frame.

This show, which was held under the promotion of Ben Zenoff at the International Amphitheatre before 2564 fans, paid a gross of $9971.

Managers piloting good fighters, contact Emil Nanny of the Twentieth Century Boxing Club, 166 West Monroe Street.

Jimmy Edgar, rugged Detroit, Mich., middleweight, made short work of William Johnson. Edgar sprawled Johnson onto the canvas in two heats of a slated ten-round Rainbo Fronton headliner.

Ray Barnes, also of Detroit, bested Caesar Cooper in the six-round semi-windup; Bob Amos knocked out Carl McPherson, four rounds; Harold Jones defeated Charles Nelson, four rounds; Charles Pate won over Bob Reed, and Cedric Flournoy, Milwaukee lightweight, copped the duke over Ernie Hoffman, six rounds.

Clarence Brown, Chicago Negro heavy, trekked down to Indianapolis, Ind., and engaged Johnny Denson in a twelve-round draw.

Bill Peterson, Indiana Harbor heavyweight, won a good eight-round bout from Johnny Denson, Indianapolis heavy, in a Marigold headliner.

Oliver Cobbins, Cincinnati junior lightweight, and John Grady, Gary, went five rounds to a draw.

In other supporting matches, Lee Carter, Indianapolis, light-heavyweight, surprised Chicago fans with his neat win over Tom McVey of Philadelphia, Pa., five rounds.

Tim Dalton, former City Golden Gloves lightweight winner, defeated Willie Jones, also of the "Speedway" City; Al Salazar, Denver lightweight, stopped Buddy Jones, Indianapolis in two rounds, and Leon Thompson won over Cleveland Brown in a five-round contest.

Nick Castiglione, Westside Italian puncher, changed a recent draw verdict opposite Art Andrews of Gary, whom he shellacked in an eight-round Marigold Gardens headliner.

Charles Busalacchi, hard-punching Milwaukee 154-pounder, stopped Aaron (Speedy) Williams of Chicago in the second round.

Tony Gallo, Detroit middleweight, stopped Rubin Meyers, Chicago, in three. Solly Sanchez, lightweight, also of Detroit, scored over Mickey Wilson. Buddy Madison, Detroit welterweight, held Ray Cervantes, Santa Barbara, Cal., to a draw in fours, and Gene Joyce of the Hoosier State knocked out Pat Bradley in three rounds.

Johnny Bratton, State of Illinois lightweight champion, retained his title in a hard-punching ten-round contest with Eddie Lander at the Marigold Gardens Outdoor Arena.

Bratton, a classy boxer, displayed plenty of class and also revealed too much cockiness, which Lander took out of Johnny as the bout progressed.

Billy Bengal, Detroit middleweight, stopped Johnny O'Brien inside of four rounds.

Billy Parsons, heavy-swinging Danville, Ill., welterweight, outpunched Tony Motisi, formerly of the C.Y.O., in an eight-rounder.

Charles Busalacchi, Milwaukee sensation, achieved his 13th consecutive win at the expense of Tommy James, game Southside welter, who put up a creditable showing, although there wasn't any doubt as to the Milwaukeean's victory showing.

Ray Cervantes stopped Herbert Drane in the last round of their five-round bout and Jimmy Robinson, lightweight stablemate of Drane, defeated Pat Kelly of Detroit in the four-round opener. They are lightweights.

Nate Bolden, experienced in-and-outer, now campaigning as a heavyweight, chalked up two impressive wins during the past month. Nate overwhelmed McKinley English and Mack Parshay, both of Detroit, in ten-round bouts at the Rainbo Fronton.

Georgie Adams, little bit o' a mite, chastised Cedric Flournoy, featherweight from Milwaukee, in a scintillating six-rounder.

Harold Jones of Detroit won a tough one from agile Herman Mills.

Clarence Brown, Southside heavyweight, fought spectacularly and administered a complete drubbing to Bill Petersen, Indiana 206-pounder, in an eight-round Marigold feature. Petersen was in distress in the fourth and fifth heats and was dropped to the canvas four times, twice in the fifth frame and once each in the sixth and seventh cantos.

Wray Carter, Southside lightweight, in a supporting eight-rounder, won handily over Art Price, Detroit flash; Butch Maxwell and Al Salazar went four rounds even; Todd Tate trimmed Jimmy Roberts in six, and Tom Kiddy floored Henry Mills for the count in one round.

Five weekly clubs are rolling along here in Chicago, which is unprecedented in all of Chicago's fight history.

On Monday nights, the Marigold Gardens, with Jack Begun and Irv Schoenwald at the helm; across town at White City, Fred Irvin holds forth; Tuesday nights, Jack Kearns operates at the Coliseum Club; Wednesday nights, the best indoor spot in town, where Promoter Emil Nanny, president of the Twentieth Century Boxing Club, presents shows at the Ashland Auditorium, and on Thursday nights, Ben Zenoff presents fight cards at the Rainbo Fronton. And intermittently huge boxing extravaganzas will be offered at the Chicago Stadium.

Ashland Auditorium—Bob Foxworth, last year's National A.A.U. Golden Gloves light-heavyweight champion, achieved his most meritorious triumph when he slashed his way to a five-round technical knockout victory over capable Bob Garner in Promoter Emil Nanny's ten-round feature.

Foxworth, in spite of his limited experience, outpunched and outgamed courageous Garner, who suffered a deep gash in his upper lip that bled profusely round-after-round, until it was apparent that it was beyond repair.

Hezzie Williams, 1944 Golden Gloves 175-pound champion, who is a full-fledged heavyweight now, scaling 189 pounds, went through a rugged first round with Duke Mitchell of New Orleans, La., but came back and sprawled Mitchell on his back for the "count," with a wicked right hand. This bout was slated for six rounds.

In another six-rounder, Charles (Doc) Williams, 163, erased a draw verdict with Al King of Detroit, Mich., and won handily.

In the other supporting matches, Tommy Kiddy, 150½ pounds, from the "Motor City," larruped game Jack Huber of Chicago's Westside, stopping him in 1:07 of the third round.

Richard Hammond, fast-punching Southside Negro 167-pounder, won an easy four-rounder from Paul Darby, another Detroiter, and Pat Kelly, also from the "Automotive Center," put Jesse Singleton away in one heat. Over 2000 fans witnessed this program.

At the Marigold Gardens Arena—Buddy O'Dell, Blue Island middleweight, won a slugging bee from Ramey McKnight, Milwaukee boxer, in eight rounds; Jack Ballangee, middleweight, and Sammy Cicerello, Milwaukee 137-pounder, newly acquired stablemates of World Middleweight Champion Tony Zale, emerged victorious over Don White and Al Salazar, respectively, Ballangee by a T.K.O. in three rounds and Cicerello by a five-round decision.

At the White City Arena—Casey Jones, 163-pounder of New York, scored a technical knockout win over Johnny Roszina, Milwaukee 147-pounder, in the seventh canto of a billed ten-rounder. Roszina suffered a fracture of the left collarbone.

Charley Polk, Chicago light-heavy, won convincingly over Tommy Woodward from Akron, Ohio, in the six-round semi-final.

At the Coliseum Boxing Club—Jack Kearns' Anton Raadik versus Carman DeJohn middleweight tussle ended in a slaughter for DeJohn, who was floored nine times during the four rounds he managed to last with the Estonian.

Junior Woods, Buffalo welterweight, upset Leon Thompson of Evarts, Ky., in a six-round semi-final bout.

Three of the four preliminary contests ended along the kayo route. Ray Cervantes floored Colvin Winfrey of Gary for the count in the opening stanza; Leroy Scales, 175 pounds, put Pete Jackson to sleep in the fourth frame, and Teddy Weems conked Ralph Frenzen of Milwaukee in the second. Butch Maxwell edged out a points victory over Herman Mills in a five-rounder.

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IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER

By HARRY MANSBACH

TONY RICCIO, 151, Bayonne, was awarded the first seven rounds as he decisioned Vic Costa, 151, New York City, in the feature ten-round bout of the season's final outdoor boxing show at Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark. Two six-rounders ended in technical knockouts. Joe Cheshul, 177, Maplewood, stopped Oscar Mims, 183, Elizabeth, in the second round. Roy Williams, 163, St. Petersburg, halted Harry Daniels, 167, Warren, O., in the first round. In four-round preliminaries, Robert Fehl, 145, Jersey City, received the decision over Tony Masciarelli, 152, New York City, and Joe Bamby, 125, Brooklyn, defeated Tom King, 127, Newark.

Danny Rosati, 158, Newark, won an easy ten-round decision over Danny Martin, 157, Newark, in the feature event at Twin City Bowl, Elizabeth, before 2,000 fans. Referee Joe Mangold called the first round even and gave the remainder to Rosati. Lou Castrilli, 130, Bronx, decisioned Chuck Burton, 129, Newark, in a six-rounder. Baby Beau, 141, Atlanta, Ga., knocked out Juan LaSalle, 143, Havana.

In fours, Don Hassock, 159, Paterson, fought a draw with Bob Sylvester, 160, Perth Amboy; Vince Scarpari, 139, Newark, decisioned Freddy Hawkins, 136, Newark, and Jimmy Stanford, 136, Newark, knocked out Richard McDaniels, 133, Newark, in the second round.

Vince Fratello, 159, Hackensack, scored a technical knockout in 1:56 of the seventh round of a scheduled eight-round feature boxing bout with Irish Jimmy Mulligan, 162, Boston, at the Jersey City Gardens. Referee Paul Cavalier stopped the fight after Fratello had opened a cut over Mulligan's eye, and was hitting his opponent at will.

In the semi-final eight-rounder, George Smith, 159, Jersey City, decisioned Tony Del Gatto, 160, Brooklyn. In four-rounders, Jack Pitts, 132, Philadelphia, outpointed Georgie Scott, 135, New York City; Ross Anzalone, 141, New York City, decisioned Lennie Holton, 142, St. Louis, and Ernie Durando, 154, Bayonne, knocked out Eddie Mott, 156, Paterson, in the fourth round.

Vic Young, 129, New York City, gained a six-round decision over Charles (Babe) Kelly, 122, Riverside, on a "new talent" card at Trenton Arena. Patsy Zoccano, 144, Brooklyn, outpointed Johnny Wells, 142, Trenton, in the six-round semi-final. In other sixes, Rollie Horne, 148, Valley Stream, decisioned William Jackson, 155, Newark; Honeychile Johnson, 138, Philadelphia, shaded Archie Derry, 137, New Rochelle, N. Y., and Lee Kinsy, 160, Trenton, and Roy Evans, 164, Valley Stream, fought a draw.

Billy Grant, 171, Orange, won the referee's decision from Cyclone Roy Williams, 164, St. Petersburg, in the eight-rounder at Laurel Garden, Newark. Justin Johnson, 132, Brooklyn, decisioned Pat Franco, 130, Montclair, in another eight. In the fours, Charlie Frick, 150, New York City, stopped Harry Holton, 151, Bayonne, in the second round; Ray Massa, 129, Elizabeth, outpointed Jim Lorr, 125, Newark, and Al Raimo, 149, Brooklyn, defeated Roger Muriel, 156, Elizabeth.

Walter Stevens, sensational Newark lightweight, has been going great guns in out-of-town fights. He has scored 12 consecutive knockouts since coming out of service.

The Bozza brothers, who promoted successfully last season at the Orange Armory, have plans to promote fights at the Newark Armory on Saturday nights.

Dom Youvella, 162, Philadelphia, knocked out Harry Daniels, 162, New York City, in the third round at Asbury Park Armory. Joe Murphy, 145, Asbury Park, drew with Cliff Turner, 144, Trenton, in a six-rounder. Bert Page, 160, New York City, outfought Jesse Lamb, 162, Newark. Dave Jenkins, 148, Roselle Park, defeated Herb Reed, 150, Asbury Park, in a four-rounder.

Jesse Moraney, 159, Harrisburg, Pa., outpointed Bobby Lakin, 157, Jamaica, L. I., in an eight-rounder at the Inlet Arena, Atlantic City. Don Ellis, 156, Atlantic City, won a close decision from Al Robinson, 154, Harrisburg, in a six-rounder. Lonnie Clark, 220, Philadelphia, outpointed Harold Mitchell, 181, Atlantic City, in six. Jackie Collins, 151, Atlantic City, won a tough one from Len Pruitt, 147, Philadelphia, in six. Walter Burnett, 152, Vineland, decisioned Mike De Camilies, 154, of Philadelphia, in four.

Taking seven rounds, George LaRover, Philadelphia, gained a ten-round decision over Paul Reguejo, 132, of San Bernardino, Calif., at Laurel Garden, Newark. Joe Cheshul, 173, Bayonne, gained his third straight victory since turning pro by knocking out Earl Turner, 190, New York City, in 1:36 of the first round. Don Petty, 156, Philadelphia, scored a technical knockout over Irish Johnny Smith, 164, Boston, in the sixth round.

In four-rounders, Bill Allison, 149, Newark, decisioned Jack Corum, 149, Orange, and Sam Chernoff, 126, New York City, decisioned Tom King, 127, Newark.

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BOUTS *that* THRILLED

Fitzsimmons' Toughest Battle Was Waged Against Gus Ruhlin Whom He Kayoed in Sixth Round

By THE OLD TIMER

THOSE who argue against men going out of their class to engage in what on the surface appears to be a lucrative bout, would have received a shock in the days when Bob Fitzsimmons was at the height of his career, for Ruby Robert, at best a heavy middleweight, fought the best men in three divisions and carried off the lion's share of the honors. It will be recalled that Fitz was first the world middleweight champion, then he won the heavyweight title from James J. Corbett and after losing it to Jim Jeffries, he gained the laurels in the light-heavyweight division. But he never hesitated to tackle the cream of the heavies, so skillful a boxer was he and so powerful a hitter.

Some years ago, when Fitz was engaged in vaudeville, I interviewed him and during the questioning I asked him if his bout with Jeffries or that with Corbett, both title matches, was his toughest. He laughed as he came back a "No, neither of them." Then Bob told the story of his battle with Gus Ruhlin, a contest which he declared was by far the hardest of his career.

"Gus Ruhlin was the toughest of 'em all," said Fitz. "I had a harder time winning that bout with Gus in the Garden in New York on August 10, 1900, than I had in any other bout of my career. I knocked 'im out in the sixth.

"I don't believe any fighter ever got such a punching as I did in the first three rounds," went on Fitz. "In April of the same year I beat Ed Dunkhorst, who at that time was Jeffries' sparring partner, and Jeff had often told me that he could not hit Dunkhorst hard enough to knock him out.

"I met Dunkhorst in Brooklyn on April 30, 1900, and I put him away in two rounds by hooking him flush on the jaw with my left. But when I hit him I broke a small bone in my left hand, which was not attended to properly, and it gave me a lot of trouble. It never seemed to get any better, no matter what treatment it received. Shortly after my fight with Dunkhorst, I signed articles to meet Ruhlin in New York, and each of us put up $2,500 forfeit money.

"Although my hand was a little better, it was not entirely healed by the time I went to train for my fight with Ruhlin. Whenever I boxed I bandaged it up well, and it did not give me any trouble. On the day before the fight I went to a Turkish bath and afterward took a swim and caught cold in my sore hand.

"The next morning the physician told me that I was in danger of blood poisoning if I fought that night. But I had that $2,500 up and I could not afford to lose it.

"When I was dressing, I was so weak and my hand pained me so much, that I came near throwing up the sponge, but something inside of me kept on saying: 'Go through with it, Fitz, old boy,' and I did."

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IT was a battle in which he gave an excellent exhibition of his punching powers, but one in which he also took his share of the punishment. In the first round Ruhlin almost closed Fitz's eyes and he cut a deep gash in Bob's upper lip from which the claret flowed freely. The end of that session found Fitz weak as he went with an unsteady step towards his corner. But he possessed a tremendous amount of recuperative power and despite the heavy weight advantage in Ruhlin's favor, Fitz came back strong in the second round.

His eye was more damaged than his seconds at first thought, and for a time it appeared that the bout might be halted. But Fitz would have none of that, especially since he raised a large lump over Ruhlin's right eye shortly before the first round had ended. The Akron Giant, seconded by Jim Corbett, was fighting with excellent judgment and his blows were very effective.

WHEN the gong sounded for the second round, Ruhlin came out with a rush, eager to end hostilities. He had been advised by Corbett to be the aggressor and he was. Though he had been floored in the first canto, he set the pace in the second but before half that round was over, Fitz landed a powerful right to Gus's nose and almost broke it. As Ruhlin came forward, a left to the stomach dropped him for the second time in the bout and as he was taking the count, Bob stood over him as did Dempsey over Firpo and over Willard, without any interference on the part of the referee.

To the amazement of the spectators, as Ruhlin got to his feet, he let go a haymaker which caught Robert over the right eye and staggered the Cornishman. Ruhlin then kept after his man until the bell sent both to their corners and again Fitz knew that he was in a battle!

For two more rounds Fitz was on the receiving end. Every conceivable type of blow was landed with effectiveness and on several occasions Bob was so staggered it appeared he would drop but his courage was with him and his stamina was such that he quickly revived to carry on.

Ruhlin, though somewhat weakened from the pace and from the body punches of his opponent, came out in pretty good condition to resume hostilities in the third and again in the fourth round during which they fought out of clinches and first one then the other took the advantage. There was no let up. It was a bitter battle with plenty of gore spilt and plenty of punishment taken by each.

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IN the fifth round, the odds, which had favored the Akron Giant, took a turn after Fitz landed a solar plexus that almost doubled his man. That was followed in a twinkling by a heavy left over the right eye that had that optic looking like a balloon.

Those who had figured that Ruhlin had not trained for the bout, soon learned their mistake as they saw Gus face the music in that frightful fifth round. Bob now had the whip hand. He was the master and he never let up on his opponent. Though not as fast as in his best days, still he showed plenty of pep. He did the major portion of the leading in that session and was punching as hard as he did in the bout with Corbett.

As the round neared the finish, both were extremely tired but the evidence of Fitz's hitting was there and Ruhlin's end seemed only a matter of time. Fitz evidently had made up his mind that he had taken enough punishment and had decided on finishing his opponent.

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WHEN they came out of their corners for the sixth and final round, Bob rushed his man and with a series of short left hand jabs, he paved the way for the killing. He staggered Gus with several wallops and then let go a left to the body that made Ruhlin wince. Gus dropped his hands and quickly taking advantage of the opening, Fitz swung a left to the jaw and the Akron Giant went down in a heap.

He dropped like a log and the Chief of Police leaped into the ring after the referee had counted the Ohioan out and ordered Fitz to remain until the guardian of the law was assured that Ruhlin was not fatally hurt. Several minutes elapsed before Ruhlin regained consciousness and then the police let Fitz go. Bleeding and in terrific pain, Ruhlin was taken to his dressing room, a defeated but not a disgraced battler.

Fitz declared while taking his shower that he was happy that the bout was over. His face was almost as badly cut up as was that of Ruhlin and the eyes of each were highly puffed.

From Oldtimer's Scrapbook

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is six feet, two inches tall, weighs 195 pounds in trained condition, and possesses a reach of seventy-six inches, a pretty hefty specimen of manhood as everyone will agree. But compared with two former title-holders, Jess Willard and Primo Carnera, the "Brown Bomber" present champion is dwarfed, so far as physical proportions are concerned. Willard's measurements show a height of six feet, six inches, with a fighting weight of 250 pounds. Carnera tipped the scales at 265 pounds and was half an inch smaller than Jess. But these two battlers were not by a long shot the biggest men performing in the ring since Queensberry rules and gloves were substituted for London rules and bare fists. Gilbert Stromquist is seven feet and scales 250 pounds and Big Ben Moroz of New York weighs 302 pounds and is six feet 11 inches.

But as ordinary boxers looked small beside Willard and Carnera, so they would have looked in comparison with the most gigantic athlete in ring history, Charles Freeman, the Michigan giant, who went to England and defeated the "Tipton Slasher" there in December, 1842. Freeman was seven feet, three inches tall, weighing 348 pounds. Unlike most abnormally large men of the "circus giant" type, he was magnificently proportioned and a Hercules in strength. He could run like a deer, and jump from a standing position over a rope stretched at a height of five feet, six inches. He died of tuberculosis in 1845 in Winchester, England.

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ONE of boxing's most colorful characters and great story tellers is the New York referee, Arthur Susskind, better known as Young Otto. A great lightweight in his day, the veteran referee views the fighters of today with disrespectful sarcasm. With the exception of Ray Robinson and perhaps one or two others, the boxer of today is a palooka according to Otto. In his prime Otto was one of the greatest knockout punchers of the day and even now holds the all-time record for one-round kayoes with a total of 45.

No one really believes him as he relates with a straight face that he once hit an opponent who was covering his chin with his glove, right in the center of his padded mitt and stiffened him. Otto worked a Garden eight-rounder recently which saw one of the battlers win rather easily as he jabbed his foe at will with hardly a return. "Ball game, eight to nothing," Otto remarked sourly as he handed Harry Balogh his scorecard.

One night while working a preliminary bout in a neighborhood club, Otto was caught flush on the chin with a wild right. The crowd was stunned at first as the venerable arbiter reeled halfway across the ring, stumbling in Leon Errol style, and clutched desperately at the ropes. Then the fans began to howl with glee while the two boxers stood stock still, staring mutely at the referee. Otto's head cleared quickly and he motioned to the boys to continue. Later in the dressing room, Young Otto was asked to explain what had happened.

"Well, I've worked Tom's fights before," he declared, "and he's an awfully dumb bunny with no idea of defensive tactics. I was standing right behind him for the moment to get a better view of the action when the other guy throws a right. Now how was I to know that the dope had enough sense to duck? That's why I was belted!"

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THE most unique of all America's heavyweight champions lived 60 years ago. He was Paddy Ryan. He had a most exceptional record for a champion. He won only one fight—and that was when he beat Joe Goss for the title! The only other men he ever faced in the ring were John L. Sullivan, who knocked him out twice, and Joe McAuliffe, who beat him.

Spectators at a fight in this era have a simple time of watching the title proceedings compared to one particular fight crowd of many years ago, 64 to be exact. When Sullivan took the heavyweight crown from Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City, Miss., 1882, there were TWO referees in the ring!

The referee had not been chosen up to fight-time and when the time for the battle arrived, a hot argument ensued, Sullivan holding out for Alec Brewster, and Ryan, the defending champion, insisting that Jack Hardy must referee.

The solution they arrived at was that both men should referee—and they did!

Ketchel *vs.* Papke

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Sixth Round

They went quickly into a clinch and the referee broke them. They fumbled and clinched again. Papke drove in a left on the face. They clinched and Ketchel worked a left body punch, causing Papke to bend. Each man's nose was bleeding freely from straight lefts and Papke was nearly pushed through the ropes a couple of times. Ketchel kept forcing Papke to the ropes and Papke was inclined to clinch. It was easily Ketchel's round. Papke's nose was bleeding profusely at the end.

Seventh Round

Papke was there first with a little left on the chin. They clinched. Papke drew away from left and right swings and planted a left on the stomach. Ketchel missed with the right, but caught Papke with the left and Papke clinched. Both men used short-arm blows while holding. Papke held Ketchel's head under his arm in a clinch and was railed at by the crowd. There was a deal of clinching and fumbling work. Ketchel sent Papke reeling with a hard right on the jaw. Ketchel missed another right, but drove Papke to the ropes with a right body punch. Ketchel's round.

Eighth Round

They went into a clinch and Ketchel touched his man on the neck with a left. Papke landed with a left, but his punches were light. There was lots of clinching and shoving around, each man sneaking in an uppercut occasionally. Ketchel swung a stiff right on the face, but Papke did not wince. They clinched and broke and Ketchel drove a right in on the body. He took a right on the face in return. Ketchel met Papke with a savage right under the heart and then repeated the punch. He backed Papke to the ropes and drove both gloves into the body. Ketchel's round.

Ninth Round

They went into a clinch and Ketchel drummed with his right on Papke's side. Papke got in left and right on the face and Ketchel rammed his gloves into Papke's stomach. They clinched and Ketchel worked a left uppercut. Ketchel bent Papke across the ropes and punched him in the body. When they drew clear Papke brought a stream of blood from the nose of Ketchel with a hard right cross and Ketchel came back with a swinging right on the jaw, and Papke, while trying to recover, tripped and fell. Ketchel went after him and Papke clinched.

Tenth Round

Papke stepped in briskly. Ketchel met him with lefts on the face, bringing the blood. They clinched and hung together and Ketchel worked a left uppercut. Welch broke them and both tried right swings without landing. Ketchel missed a right swing and Papke landed one. Ketchel swung a left into the stomach and Papke went to the ropes. They eyed each other a second and tried right swings again, neither scoring. They clinched and Ketchel poked at the body with a left. They both fought at close quarters for a few seconds, Ketchel landing the most of the blows.

Eleventh Round

They went into a clinch and Welch separated. Another clinch resulted and each struggled to use an arm. When they broke both men fumbled as though tired. Papke, while drawing away from the ropes, got a left on the jaw which sent him on his back to the floor. He took the full count, and, when he arose, Ketchel smashed with both hands. Papke backed to the ropes and covered up. Ketchel hammered at the stomach and at the head and when Papke's guard dropped brought him to the floor again. Papke rested on hands and knees and apparently took no note of the count. The timekeeper, to make sure that there was no mistake, counted 11 before declaring Papke out.

Rocky Meets His Master

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in 1941, remained with him throughout the devastating assault of his challenger, and in the end enabled him to retain his crown.

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IN the second round, Graziano turned the tables on the champion and retaliated for the knockdown Rocky had suffered in the first session by landing the champ on the canvas only a few seconds before the session had come to an end. The bell, sounding at the count of three, undoubtedly saved Zale from a knockout. He could scarcely get to his feet when aided by his seconds, yet he showed amazing recuperative powers when he came out for the third round and stood up under withering punishment.

The 32-year-old former gob, absent from the ring for four years because of the war, and in the first defense of his crown since 1941, gained the sympathy of the Stadium throng as blow after blow carrying T.N.T., landed on his body and face. Any other boxer lacking the fighting heart of the champion, would have wilted under that fire, but not Zale.

He even carried the fighting to his powerful rival to carry off the fourth round though battling with a broken thumb. Rocky, at 154 pounds, to 160 for the champion, who just made the limit weight of his division, came out for the fifth round puzzled by the brave stand of his opponent. He tore loose with everything he had and how Zale stood up under that bombardment, will never be known. Tony was battered so terrifically that I remarked to Dan Parker, sitting at my side, "Too bad, it'll all be over next round. Zale can't stand that punishment much longer."

But he did and he went on to turn the tables in the greatest middleweight scrap seen in years.

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IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
By DANNY MYERS

HARRISBURG'S wrestling impresario, Bert Bertolini is now staging indoor wrestling. His first show was staged on September 20.

Al Cox is again at the helm as promoter and matchmaker at Harrisburg.

On his initial card on September 3, Bobby Waters, 129, Harrisburg, stopped Baby Armstrong, 131, Philadelphia, in the third.

Billy Proctor, 119, Harrisburg, lost to Charley Williams, 124½, Philadelphia, in eight rounds.

Gene Moraney, 147, Harrisburg, won in six over George Tilly, 147, Philadelphia. Dave Waters, 128, Harrisburg, was held to a six-round draw with Natie Baynard, 133, Philadelphia.

At Scranton—Clint Miller, 124, Elizabeth, N. J., won an eight-rounder from Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 131, New Haven, Conn. Artie Towne, 151, New York, won the six-round chucker billed as the semi-final from Dom Youvella, 161, Miami, Fla. It only took the second stanza to chill the highly touted Charley Sabatelle, 140, Dunmore, Pa., battler at the hands of Walter Stevens, 137, Newark, N. J.

At Pittsburgh—Charley (Young) Zivic, 150, went the full ten rounds with Sammy Adragna, 146, Carnegie, Pa.

At Wilkes-Barre—Artie Towne, 155, New York, disposed of Eddie Saunders, 155, Long Island, N. Y., in the sixth. Other bouts were: Patsy Gall, 145, Freeland, Pa., was the T.K.O. winner in the fourth frame over Chavos Ramos, 149, Mexico City. Jim Green, 141, New York, won the sixer from Lou Masoni, 140, Brooklyn.

Down in Philadelphia—Mayon Padlo, 146, Philadelphia, won in eight from McCoy Jones, 143, Camden, N. J. Ted Turner, 157, Philadelphia, won by K. O. from Jackie Lewis, 153, Philadelphia, in the fifth. Jimmy Parlin, 121, Philadelphia, won the six-round main preliminary from Joe Rodriguez, 125, Philadelphia.

York, Pa., has closed for the season.

In the Harrisburg district you can secure a RING at the following places, if you get there early—Dave's News Stand, Second and Walnut Streets. Pennsylvania Railroad Station News Stand. Pop's News Stand, Third and Broad.

In Penbrook, Pa., it's at Hoovers. In Progress, Pa., it's at Wright's Drug Store and in Linglestown, Pa., it's at Gingrich's General Store.

Santa Bucca, 141, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the top man when the ten-round decision was handed down by the officials, in his bout with McCoy Jones, 141, Camden, N. J., in the ten-round feature at Scranton on September 23.

Jim Gardner, 180, Philadelphia, Pa., was extended to the full eight rounds of milling in the semi-windup number, with Elton Evans, 172, Washington, D. C. The Quaker City lad was awarded the decision. Other bouts were as follows: Walter Keene, 138, Pittsburgh, Pa., was the popular winner at the end of his six-round fracas with Archie Derry, 136, New Rochelle. Billy Gillard, 125, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., was given the six-round nod over his fellow townsman, Lucky Johnson, 128, Philadelphia, Pa., in their six-round slugfest.

Harrisburg—In a lengthy conversation with Mr. Albert Copeland at his business establishment at 417 Broad Street, in Harrisburg, where Mr. Copeland is engaged in the automobile industry as a distributor of Willys-Overland products, your writer learned that the rumors of his trying to secure a professional promoter's boxing license from the fistic fathers of the Keystone State, to operate a boxing club in Harrisburg, should not be discarded as just a fly-by-night idea. Mr. Copeland does want and expects to be granted a professional boxing license to operate in Harrisburg.

Al Copeland assured yours truly that he intends giving Central Pennsylvania just what they desire in the manly art of fisticuffs. Mr. Copeland is positive that he will be granted a license to operate, although his would represent a second license for Harrisburg, but it is pointed out that a third-class city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can in accordance with the laws as set forth by the state, operate two boxing clubs professionally.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Wesley Mouzon was unable to compete against Nava Esparza at the Arena due to a cut, therefore, Sammy Haskins, 137, Philadelphia, Pa., and formerly of Harrisburg, faced the highly touted Señor Jose Morelia, from Mexico, and lost a close decision in the ten-round feature bout.

At Harrisburg, Pa., Bobby Waters, 130 pounds, Harrisburg, was the popular and unanimous winner over the popular Jeff Holloway, New York, N. Y., in the eight-round feature at Madrid Palestra on October 2. A cut was opened on Waters' right cheek bone early in the bout. Other bouts were as follows: Frankie Rowe, 155, Baltimore, Md., was the winner in six rounds over Eddie Carson, 149, Philadelphia. Rowe, a clown in the ring, drew the ire of many fans. Paul Watson, 139, Baltimore, was too short to cope with his much taller foe, Nat Baynard, 140, Philadelphia, and bout was stopped at the end of the first round, with Watson suffering from a deep cut over his right optic.

At the ending of the fourth stanza of a hard-punching melee, Joe Poodles, 158, Baltimore, Md., proved he had too much on the ball for the local entry, King Sharpey, 148, Harrisburg, Pa., who recently returned from the Navy, where he was the middleweight champ of the fleet.

In the action-packed first bout of the evening, Dave Waters, 137, Harrisburg, lost the duke to Jimmy Simms, 135, Philadelphia, Pa. Both boxers were on the mat at different times and it was next to impossible for these boxers to last the six rounds, but to the dismay of all the 1400 fans they stood toe to toe and shoulder to shoulder and slugged.

The Harrisburg standard bearer of fistiana, Jesse Moraney, 152½, journeyed to the Quaker City to engage Steve Belloise, 161½, New York, N. Y., in an eight-round slugfest at the Met, for Jimmy Toppi on October 4, and lost a close bout.

Moraney, who had an injured optic in training, had both his peepers opened again. At the end of the eight-round slashing, bashing affair, Belloise was declared the unanimous winner.

Other bouts follow: Luis Ramos, 125¾, New York, N. Y., was the winner of his second straight K.O. victory in Philadelphia, this time by flattening Luck Johnson, 129, Philadelphia, Pa., who was not so lucky, at 2:47 of the fourth stanza. Charlie Williams, 126½, Philadelphia, was the six-round winner over Joey Rodriguez, 125½, Philadelphia. Frankie Lowry, 170, Philadelphia, Pa., and Gil Moore, 166½, Philadelphia, fought to a six-round draw. Eddie Franklin, 182, Philadelphia, outpointed the veteran Wally Sears, 176½, Philadelphia.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO
By ED HACKLEY

THE only fight show held here in almost two months was the one sponsored by the Toledo *Times* on Recognition Night for Toledo Police and Firemen. A good house of about 5,000 witnessed the affair, which was a highly entertaining one throughout.

In the main event Ace Miller, Toledo lightweight contender, failed to flash the championship form that he showed against Eddie Smith of Rochester, but still had too much on the ball for Gene Spencer of Chicago. Ace took eight of the ten rounds, but Spencer was game and willing enough to make a good go of it. In the last three rounds Spencer gambled desperately to overcome the Ace's big lead.

Toledoans looked good in the prelims, with a greatly improved Frankie Gerrard stopping game Jorge Sanchez of Detroit in the second round of a scheduled eight. Perry Mason gave away 12 pounds to Al Johnson of Indianapolis, but came through with a hard-earned draw. Mason weighed 157½ to the visitor's 169½. Buddy Mays, 170 pound Toledoan, looked good in drawing with Harold Reiss, seasoned campaigner from Detroit. Mays deserved better than the draw decision that he received at the end of the four rounds.

In other bouts, both eights, Harvey Dubs showed great form in stopping George Liggins of Pittsburgh in three, and Ernie Pelaia trounced Bobby Fowler of Chicago.

Jimmy McClellan, Toledo's sensational featherweight, is at last ready to return to the ring wars. An operation laid Jim up for three months, then two successive foot infections put him on the shelf. Jim has shown qualities of ring greatness in his short career, and should go far.

Duke Mitchell, local heavyweight, has decided to hang up the gloves. After showing a world of promise in his début seven months ago, Duke refused to train, and wound up being stopped in the second round of a four rounder in Detroit. Two such defeats convinced him that he should hang them up.

Any information concerning local fights and fighters can be gotten by contacting the writer at 71 Brand Whitlock Homes, Toledo 2, Ohio.

AROUND ONTARIO
With BABE SMITH

AT Maple Leaf Gardens. In the most thrilling bout Queen City fans have watched in many years, Joey Bagnato, 133, 33-year-old ring veteran, punched out a well deserved eight-round victory over the 19-year-old Negro sensation, Li'l Arthur King, 127½, at the Gardens. A crowd of 7,000 contributed a $12,036 gate.

Bagnato, sporting a 5½-pound weight advantage, dumped King to the canvas five times in the first three rounds, but his opponent rallied brilliantly to take three of the last five rounds.

Bagnato used a straight left to dump King for no-counts in the first and second rounds and in the third he floored the Toronto Negro three times with rights to the jaw. King, a gamester if there ever was one, took counts of five, seven and nine.

It was a brilliant fight, a great win for the aging Bagnato and a great tonic for the ailing fight game in Toronto.

There was nothing spectacular about the prelims but what they lacked the main go made up for in a big way. Pat (Giordiano) Gordon, Toronto, drew with Jack King, Toronto, in eight. Joey Ferrier, Toronto, decisioned George Gerwin, Toronto, in four. Jasper O'Hanley, Montreal, won a four-rounder from Jim Marsden, Toronto, and Joey McPhee, Oshawa 126'er, dittoed against Terry Kipp, Toronto.

At Oakwood Stadium—Topping the final outdoor card of the season at the Oakwood Dust Bowl was the return match between Toronto bantams, Frankie Brancati and Bobby Docherty. As in the first bout in Massey Hall last June, the fans were treated to a wild-and-woolly roughhouse affair with the decision at the end of the ten rounds again going to the classy Brancati.

The four prelims ended in K.O.'s. Middleweight Rocky Wagner, Edmonton, rocked Toronto's Wally Hicks to sleep in the semi-windup. Jack Harding, Toronto middle, K.O.'ed Jimmy Evans of Lackawanna, N. Y. Scotty Ramage, Toronto, put Kenny Mashiro, Honolulu, away in the fourth. They are bantams. Joey McPhee, 126, Oshawa, K.O.'ed Andy Alec of Port Colborne.

Ontario boxers in the news:

Woonsocket, R. I.—Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 130, Toronto, scored a second round T.K.O. over Honey Boy Villa of Mexico City.

Salem, Mass.—Tommy Bland, 162, Toronto, was K.O.'ed in the fourth round by Joe Blackwood, 160, of Paterson, N. J.

Rochester, N. Y.—Fred Chard, 193, Hamilton, decisioned Mitchell Steklof, 228½, of Rochester in six. Davey Baxter, 145, Hamilton, was K.O.'ed in the first by Johnny Long, 145½, of Rochester.

Hartford, Conn.—Pat (Giordiano) Gordon, Toronto, lost a ten-round decision to Georgie Martin of Boston.

Fall River, Mass.—Tommy Lamb, 163, Toronto, lost an eight-rounder to Tommy Pendleton, 156, Gary, Ind.

Youngstown, Ohio—Cliff Beckett, 154, Sudbury, lost a ten-round decision to Mickey Doyle, 157, Cleveland, O.

New York, N. Y.—Kenny Haines, 130¼, Hamilton, was outpointed in six by Davey Allen, 124¾, Port Chester, N. Y.

Manchester, N. H.—Tommy Bland, 164, Toronto, was K.O.'ed in the second round by Mad Anthony Jones, 168, Boston. Teddy Swain, 128, Toronto, won an eight-round decision from Ivan Jones, 125, of Portland, Maine.

Providence, R. I.—Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 130, Toronto, flattened Johnny Juliano, 125¾, Newark, N. J., in one minute, 59 seconds of the first round.

Fall River, Mass.—Teddy Swain, 129¾, Toronto, lost a ten-round decision to Francis Leonard, 133, of Taunton, Mass.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

HARRY HURST punched out a hard-fought ten-round decision over Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini before some 5000 fans at the Forum. Promoter Al Foreman served up a real sizzler in this one and the fight was so close that a return bout would be a "natural."

Hubert Gagnier, hard-hitting local southpaw, had plenty of trouble with Billy Alexander for a couple of rounds, but got the range in the third for a knockout victory over his shifty foe. Jasper O'Hanley scored a surprise win over Jimmy Molloy, British welter, in a six-rounder to maintain his recent winning streak.

The four-rounders provided fiery action. Marcel LaChappelle, slim ex-amateur star, turned in a smart performance in punching out a decisive win over Bernie Cormier. In the other, Guy DeRoy, after taking a lacing in the first heat, connected with a hard right hand to flatten Harold Mullins, Dominion amateur middle king, in the second.

Some good Forum shows are scheduled shortly. Raoul Godbout has Dave Castilloux defending his Canadian lightweight crown against Danny Webb in a twelve-rounder and Al Foreman is figuring on going in a week later with Hurst and Mancini again or Hurst with Ernie Petrone. Gus (Pell) Mell is back in training after a well-earned vacation of two months or so and the colorful youngster will be welcomed back by local fans.

Stray Shots—Wilfe Shanks has retired from boxing and now works at the Cavendish Club. . . . Johnny Price is back in harness after a stretch in the U. S. Army and will again campaign under Abe Elkins. . . . Abe has quite a few Canadian boys under his wing. . . . Tommy Murray scored handily over hard-hitting Jimmy McLarnin at Hartford recently. . . . Jerry Lavigne, local feather, scored impressively at the Fall River Casino when he got off the floor in the second to stop Charley Celeste, Boston, in the third. . . . Bill Sparks, local Negro, sprang a surprise by knocking out Len Wadsworth, Canadian middle champ, in seven rounds.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

G. I. DAY up in Berlin, N. H., was quite a celebration. Two days were set aside by the City Fathers for the occasion and a big time took place in honor of the veterans of World War II. A crowd of 7000 took in the boxing show at the Community Field, which was part of the athletic program. In charge of putting on this "free" fistic show were Eddie Desilets, popular fight manager of Berlin, and Jack Rodgerson, a sports writer and ardent boxing fan.

The results follow: In the main bout of six rounds, Jerry Boisvert, 155, of Sherbrooke, Canada, won a decision from Portland, Me., Negro sensation, Billy Lancaster, 153. In a good semi-final the local representative, Kid Roy, 147, lost a hard-fought bout against Al Tanguay, 152, Lewiston, Me. In the top prelim, Cascade's favorite, Jimmy Dinardo, won by a quick kayo over Emile Gagnon of Lewiston, Me., in the opening stanza, while in the opener, Ed Perrault, the East Side kid of Berlin, defeated Dave Shade of Lewiston, Me., via the K.O. route in the fourth.

A week earlier at Berlin, John E. Giardini was responsible for presenting that city's first boxing show in about five years. A large crowd attended this open-air affair at the Notre Dame Skating Rink, but was somewhat disappointed with the fact that the main-bouter, Maurice Cloutier, who was to have faced Al Evans, Newport, R. I., Negro star, was not on hand. A last-minute substitution was thrown in and failed to impress the majority of the fans. It was announced by Deputy Commissioner Bud Jacobs that Cloutier was subsequently suspended by the New Hampshire Boxing Commission. Jack Sharkey, ex-heavyweight king of the world, was referee of the main bout.

Here's a summary of the entire card: Al Evans, 149, of Newport, R. I., knocked out Dick Dunn, 151, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., in one minute, 23 seconds of the fourth round of their scheduled ten-round main bout. (Dunn was a substitution at the last minute for Maurice Cloutier of Manchester, who developed a bad wrist and consequently was unable to appear on the card.)

In the semi-final, Dom Sinibaldi, 150, Cascade, knocked out Chick Bond, 156, Newport, R. I., in one minute, 22 seconds of the second round.

Jimmy Dinardo, 125, Cascade, won a unanimous decision over Kid Cournoyer, 125, Derry, in one of the four-round prelims, and in the other Ed Perrault, 128, Berlin, outpointed Charlie Kelley, 124, of Boston. The bouts were staged under auspices of the Berlin Firemen's Relief Association.

Eddie Desilets and his stable journeyed to Waterville, Me., recently and two of his four boys came through with victories. Ed Perrault, 126, of Berlin, N. H., decisioned Dave Shade, 120, of Lewiston, Me., in four hectic rounds, while Jimmy Dinardo, 142, of Berlin, knocked out Eddie Gagnon, 147, Lewiston, Me., in 1:05 of the first round of a scheduled four-rounder. Desilet's Berlin, N. H., fighters who lost out on that trip were: Dom Sinibaldi, 156, who lost by a knockout to Jerry Boisvert, 157, Sherbrooke, Canada, now fighting out of Lewiston, Me., in the fourth round of an eight-round main event. In the semi-final six-rounder, Omer Kid Roy, 150, Berlin, N. H., lost when Al Tanguay, 150, Lewiston, Me., kayoed him in 1:05 of the fourth round.

At Claremont, N. H., in the main bout of the V.F.W.-sponsored boxing matches held at the Town Hall, Joe Nadeau, 130, of Somersworth, and Henry Pobowitza, 130, of Hartford, Conn., battled to a draw in an eight-round bout.

The opening bout of the evening saw Al Smith, 147, Springfield, Mass., win by a T.K.O. over Young Richard Pouliot, 146, of Somersworth, in the second round.

Johnny King, 146, Springfield, Mass., won by a T.K.O. over Young Perron, 140, of Somersworth, in the second round.

Joe Pollard, 137, of Springfield, Mass., gained a four-round decision over Kid Erwin, 136, of Windsor, Vt.

In the semi-final bout, Blaine Macomber, 145, of Bangor, Me., registered a kayo win over Buster Martin, 150, of Windsor, Vt., in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Larry Villeneuve, a Berlin, N. H., product, is going great since his discharge from the U. S. Navy. He's now operating out of Providence, R. I. His brother, Norman, who was forced to retire from the game due to an injury while in the service with the U. S. Army in India, is taking care of his younger brother, Larry, with his training and diet. The characters who expert it around that area are high on the Berlin lad, a 19-year-old middleweight, who has been getting professional experience on the undercard of some of Manny Almeida's shows at the Arcadia in Providence, R. I.

Here are his victories to date since being discharged only some few months ago: Won by K.O. over Kid Chocolate of Cuba; decisioned Grover Marshall, Boston; decisioned, with ease, Al Pinel of Fall River, Mass.; T.K.O.'ed Young Diaz of Boston in the third round; T.K.O.'ed Maurice Cloutier, Manchester, N. H., in 1:40 of the third. His most recent one was a victory over Newark's Jay Paganelli by a K.O. in the fifth. And that, fight fans, marked 27 victories for Larry without defeat.

Fight results at Manchester, N. H., Recreational Center: Cabey Lewis, 133, of Cuba, stopped Florient Desmarais' long string of ring victories by earning a unanimous decision over the New England featherweight king in a ten-round non-title bout.

In the semi-final, Baby George Renault, 130, Lowell, Mass., lost to Leon Jackson, 126, Boston, when Referee Johnny Harko disqualified him for fouling in the fifth round of their scheduled six-round bout.

In the first heavyweight bout seen here in many months, Earl Evans, 196, of Boston, knocked out Floyd Gonzales, 178, of Wayland, Mass., in 33 seconds of the second round after twice flooring Gonzales.

The other fight at the Recreation Center in Manchester brought Cabey Lewis, Havana, Cuba, and this time he gained a ten-round verdict over Dell 'Orto, 133, of Philadelphia, Pa.

In the semi-final, Soldier Montoya, 172, of Bangor, Me., won via the T.K.O. route over Al Tumas, 200, Lowell, Mass., in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round fray. Other results: Billy Karas, 111, of Manchester, kayoed Dick Dawson, 118, of Manchester, in the second round of a four-round bout.

Tony Roache, 119, of Boston, defeated Nicky Clark, 124, of Hudson, in four rounds. Earl Evans, 195, of Boston, won on a technical knockout over Jim Mooney, 182, of South Boston, in 1:53 of the first round of a six-round melee.

At Berlin, Leo Mucucci, 132-pounder from Berlin, halted George Wright, 126, New York, in three heats. Dom Sinibaldi, 150-pounder from Berlin, knocked out Al Toohman, 147, of Portland (2). Pat Dyer, 145, Berlin, whipped Bud Labbe, Lewiston welterweight (6).

John Donato, 135, Berlin ,stopped Jackie Scott, Lewiston lightweight, in one round. Raoul Bernier, 125, Lewiston, kayoed Dan Garland, 122, also of Lewiston, in two.

The show was promoted by John Giardini for the benefit of Angel Guardian Parish.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

CHESTER RICO, New York Italian welterweight, Charley Zivic, 20-year-old Pittsburgh, Pa., Syrian, and Johnny Villaneuva, San Antonio, Tex., were returned the victors over Juste Fontaine, Chet Venci and Lou Transparenti in a card of three ten-rounders staged by Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond at the Municipal Auditorium.

Rico substituted on four days' notice for Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y., who had been booked to fight Fontaine, but suffered an ear injury while in training. Rico won a ten-round decision over Fontaine.

Zivic outpointed Chet Venci, Rome, N. Y., in the second ten, and Johnny Villaneuva, Texas protege of Fritzie Zivic, stopped Lou Transparenti, Baltimore, Md., in the opening round of their ten-spot.

In a four-round preliminary bout, Al Guidry, stablemate of Bernard and Maxie Docusen, decisioned Nick Delgado, Houston, Tex.

Ben Montabano, Birmingham, Ala., Italian welterweight, lost a ten-round decision to Sammy Adragna, Pittsburgh, at the Coliseum Arena. It was a hard-fought battle and the boys were given a big hand at the finish.

Dudley DeJean, local southpaw, won a six-round disputed decision over Pal Moran, Jr., son of the one-time lightweight star, who fought Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler. The show was staged by Heard Ragas and Harold Buckley and drew $3477.88 net.

Pat Donahue, Algiers middleweight, had his winning streak stopped by Louis Rousse at the Coliseum Arena in the seventh round.

The Donahue-Rousse bout was staged by the Ragas-Buckley team at the Coliseum Arena and drew a net gate of $4665.87. It was a local natural between two home-town boys.

Jock Leslie, the Flint, Mich., kayo expert of the 126-pound division, who was rated the fifth leading contender for Willie Pep's title in the November issue of THE RING Magazine, stopped Manny Ortega, El Paso Mexican, in 32 seconds of the opening round of their scheduled ten-rounder at the Pelican Stadium. A left hook and right cross did the trick.

Showers of rain held down the attendance for the open-air fight. The net gate was $5741.55.

In the six-round semi-final contest, Jimmy Webb, Houston light-heavyweight, made his second fight of a comeback tour successful by decisively defeating Luther Ward, local boy, in six. Webb floored Ward eight times in the six rounds.

Webb, who five years ago was a contender for the 175-pound title, made a tremendous hit. Jimmy is a great body puncher and properly matched can regain his form.

Webb followed up the Ward win by winning a ten-round decision over the undefeated Ben Johnson at the Auditorium, Houston, Tex. Johnson had stopped 17 opponents and Houston fans thought he would lace Webb. Webb had Johnson on the deck in the third round for the first time in Johnson's career.

Pot Shots—Bernard and Maxie Docusen have returned to New Orleans and have been working out at the 828 Gravier Street gymnasium. Cosby Linson, New Orleans welterweight, decisioned Kid Azteca in ten rounds at El Paso, Texas. Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond can be contacted at the Lynrose Hotel, 508 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, La. This writer can be reached at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

ORLANDO FERNANDEZ, Cuban bantam, slugged out a twelve-round win over Joey Puig, Tampa, in a bout for the Southern bantamweight title. The fight was all Orlando's after the seventh round, when a right hook to the jaw floored Puig. Puig went down again in the tenth but not before he had opened a nasty cut on Orlando's eye.

Lee Sala made short work of Johnny Dupree by stopping him in two rounds. Johnny North added Ferol Norris to his K.O. list by stopping him in the first round. Raul Moran, a newcomer from Havana, knocked out Sonny Hope of St. Pete with a left that had Hope out groggy soon after the start of the first round. Frank Weeks, Tampa, won over Chuck Armstrong, Georgia, in a four-rounder.

Jess Willard, Orlando, a veteran of over 300 fights, won over Red Bryant, Plant City, in an eight-rounder at Orlando. Phil Orr, Winter Park, scored a three-round knockout over Howard Peavy, Jacksonville. Troy Bohannon, Winter Park, went six rounds to a draw with Eddie Sherman, Jacksonville. Joe Vander Meer scored a four-round T.K.O. over Eddie Fox, Jacksonville. Billy Kinnard, Sanford, stopped Frankie Williams, Orlando, in the third round with a hard left to the midsection.

Bulldog Camagueyano, Havana, upset Jack Larrimore, Miami, by winning a ten-rounder from him at Tampa. The Bulldog had a low, boring-in style that kept Larrimore from inflicting any telling damage. Ernest Nogues, Tampa, making his first ten-round start, won easily over Mike Gonzales, Havana. Gonzales had an edge as the bout started, but it was all Nogues from the fourth round on. Johnny North added another K.O. to his list by stopping Larry Lynn in three rounds. Austin Waters outpointed Ray Hake in a four-rounder.

They ran a benefit show for Joey Puig, Tampa, who was injured in his bout with Orlando Fernandez. Tommy Gomez, Manny Gomez, Johnny North, Joey Raymond, Ernest Nogues and Jimmy Kelley were among the boxers who donated their services for this show.

Buddy Rose, Sarasota middleweight, drew with Jack Patton of Miami in eight rounds at Miami and Mike Gonzales, Havana, was stopped in four rounds by Vince Gambill on the same card.

BOXING AND WRESTLING IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
By WALT MARLOW

CHIEF TOMMY DESCHAMBEAULT, 147, Calgary, copped the western Canada middleweight championship on September 24 with a seventh round K.O. over Ray Colling, 149, Vancouver, on Ernie Farr's card in Calgary.

The Calgary Chief floored his opponent seven times before Colling's manager, Curly Sloan, threw in the towel at the 2:30 mark.

Colling and Deschambeault had previously met last May for the title, at which time Colling won the championship with a tenth-round T.K.O.

In the semi-windup, a corking six-rounder, Jimmy O'Gryzol won a split decision over Billy Green. Both boys weighed in at 135. In a welterweight fray, Eddie Helm decisioned Grant Bates in four. Chief Mistaken and Laddie Dawn, 134 and 138, respectively, battled to a draw, while in a flyweight attraction, Jimmie Gaulo decisioned Bud Theriault. Appearing in their first professional fight, Jimmy Nolan, 147, stopped Rennie Renaud, 149, in two of a scheduled four-rounder, while the curtain-raiser saw Ronnie Leopold (70) draw with Billy Starr (70) in four.

Boxing may see a return to Edmonton in the near future. Andy Aldi, a fight enthusiast of long standing, is definitely interested in promoting, providing a suitable building can be found. Acting as Aldi's matchmakers will be Barney O'Connor and George Bougie, both of whom did a lot of fighting prior to the war. With this threesome running the show, local fight fans will see the best talent possible.

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Zale Is the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR

WITH Madison Square Garden closed to boxing for the duration of the Rodeo, other clubs around the country had an opportunity to make use of some of the headliners who hitherto had been billed almost exclusively by Mike Jacobs. Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta, Willie Pep, Melio Bettina, Lee Q. Murray, Curtis Sheppard, Lee Oma, Billy Fox, Billy Grant, Johnny Colan, Booker Beckwith, Ezzard Charles, Tommy Yarosz, Jimmy Edgar, Holman Williams, Tommy Bell, Tippy Larkin, Willie Joyce, Johnny Bratton, Enrique Bolanos, Phil Terranova, Jock Leslie, Tony Olivera, Cliff Anderson and Jimmy Gill were among the fighters in the top bracket who saw action during the month.

In foreign ports, Gus Lesnevich was knocked out by Bruce Woodcock in an overweight match, and in two title bouts, Joe Louis stopped Tami Mauriello in one round and Tony Zale came back from what looked like a sure defeat to stop Rocky Graziano in six heats.

By his marvelous performance, Zale receives the honor of the month award. In his knockout of the hard-hitting Rocky, Tony placed on display everything that a real champ should possess.

Although Tami Mauriello was halted by Louis, the fact that the New Yorker rocked the champ twice and had him on the verge of a knockdown, enabled Mauriello to emerge from the fray without any loss of prestige. He continues to remain the best among the contenders.

Curtis Sheppard is rapidly heading towards the top. He is now in fourth position where he displaced Joe Walcott, who was dropped to sixth post with Woodcock advancing a peg to fifth place.

In the light-heavyweight division Ezzard Charles continues our Number One man with Billy Fox trailing him. Jack Chase, veteran California champion, who at one time was listed high in the middleweight ratings, has joined the select circle in the lightheavy class.

Jake LaMotta remains our leading contender in the middleweight section with Charley Burley, Rocky Graziano and Georgie Abrams following in that order. Marcel Cerdan, inactive for some time, has been dropped to seventh place and Jimmy Sheppard, victor over the hard-hitting Artie Levine, is honored with tenth position while his victim was eliminated from the first ten.

Tommy Bell, rated last month seventh, has jumped into fifth position and Jackie Wilson, who retained the California welter title in a bout with John Thomas, is back among the elite. He is ranked seventh.

In the lightweight class Julio Jiminez has been dropped because of inactivity and Chester Rico returns to the fold. Ike Williams remains the top man though he is not listed as titleholder.

Jock Leslie's continued triumphs enabled him to gain a peg in the feather class in which division Spider Armstrong returns as tenth best fighter because of his recent splendid performances.

Tony Olivera jumped several notches in the bantam class in which for many months he was the leading contender.

Here are the results of the outstanding fights in each division:

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending October 12, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Title Vacant
1—Tami Mauriello	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Elmer Ray	Billy Fox	Charley Burley	Tippy Larkin
3—Joey Maxim	Archie Moore	Rocky Graziano	Beau Jack
4—Curtis Sheppard	Freddie Mills	Georgie Abrams	Johnny Greco
5—Bruce Woodcock	Tommy Yarosz	Jimmy Edgar	Tommy Bell
6—Joe Walcott	Booker Beckwith	Steve Belloise	Willie Joyce
7—Lee Q. Murray	Billy Grant	Marcel Cerdan	Jackie Wilson
8—Melio Bettina	Costello Cruz	Holman Williams	Bernard Docusen
9—Joe Baksi	Billy Smith	Al Priest	Tony Janiro
10—Jimmy Bivins	Jack Chase	Jimmy Sheppard	Charlie Fusari

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Phil Terranova	David Kui Kong Young	Rinty Monaghan
2—Wesley Mouzon	Carlos Chavez	Tony Olivera	Joe Curran
3—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Oscar Calles	Cliff Anderson	Dado Marino
4—John Thomas	Jock Leslie	Theo Medina	Jimmy Gill
5—Enrique Bolanos	Miguel Acevedo	Luis Castillo	Tommy Burney
6—Johnny Bratton	Sandy Saddler	Bunty Doran	Terry Allen
7—Vic Patrick	Jackie Graves	Peter Kane	Alec Murphy
8—Larry Cisneros	Ronnie Clayton	Benny Goldberg	Dick O'Sullivan
9—Chester Rico	Ray Famechon	Jackie Jurich	Mick McKay
10—Allie Stolz	Spider Armstrong	Stan Rowen	Stumpy Butwell

The heavyweight bouts follow:

Joe Louis defended his title for the 23rd time by knocking out Tami Mauriello in 2:09 of the first round. Bruce Woodcock knocked out the light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich, 8.

Melio Bettina outpointed Eldridge Eatman, 10. Nathan Mann beat John Thomas, 10. Lee Q. Murray stiffened Leroy Lawson, 3, and Earle Lowman, 3.

Curtis Sheppard starched Willie Barrow, 3. Phil Muscato beat Lee Oma, 10. Tom Reddington handed Bernie Reynolds his first loss in 8 rounds. Lee Savold halted Pete Louthis, 5, and Steve Ketchel, 3.

Tiger Jack Fox defeated Al Ware, 10. Gunnar Barlund beat Eddie Jackson, 10. Eddie Ownby knocked out George Murphy, 1. Colion Chaney stopped J. D. Turner, 5.

Jackie Cranford knocked out Carlisle Thompson, 4, and Ross Strickland, 10. Sandy McPherson outpointed Gene Jones, 8. Jimmy Carollo whipped Jim Neville, 8, and starched Johnny Aichers, 2. Howard Chard iced Dan Biggers, 4. Doug Ellison whipped Johnny Ebarb, 10. Bill Peterson outfought Johnny Denson, 8.

Clarence Brown whipped Tex Boddie, 10, and Bill Peterson, 8. Tony Bosnich stopped Jack Huber, 7. Freddie Schott beat Teddy Randolph, 4. George Fitch scored over Cleo Everett, 6. Nate Bolden beat McKinley English, 10, and Mack Parshay, 10. Frank Anduff knocked out Babe Ritchie, 2. Jimmy Bell iced Johnny Kapovich, 1.

Ben Johnson stopped Lotario Ramirez, 6. Johnny Shkor outpointed Johnny Flynn, 10. Jerry McSwain knocked out Leroy Evans, 4. Francisco De la Cruz stopped Freddie Ford, 6.

Bobby Perry beat Carmen DeJohn, 10. Pat Valentino chilled Francis Ogg, 2. Bill Poland halted Dan Merritt, 3.

Buddy Knox chilled Larry Crawford in 1 at Miami, and the following evening stopped Tommy Campanella in four rounds at New York. Following this, Buddy went on to whip Johnny Denson in Chicago over the ten-round route.

Light-heavyweight contests:

Gus Lesnevich was knocked out by Bruce Woodcock, 8. Non-title bout. Ezzard Charles whipped Billy Smith, 10. Bob Foxworth knocked out Charley Folk, 3; Al King, 3; and Bob Garner, 6.

Jack Johnson beat Doug Brown, 15 (Australian Light-Heavyweight Title), also lost to Alf Gallagher, 12. Billy Fox chilled Johnny Walker, 1. Billy Grant outscored Roy Williams, 8. Johnny Colan beat Johnny Aichers, 6, and stopped Tony Musto, 3.

Georgie Kochan knocked out Herbie Katz, 2, and beat Joe Reddick, 8. Jack Kenny knocked out Marvin Bryant, 1. Booker Beckwith knocked out Jimmy Fields, 9. Bobby Zander whipped Watson Jones, 10.

Paulie Peters stopped Sammy Hughes, 8. Al Velez knocked out Darby Dan, 2. St. Paul outpointed Deacon Johnny Brown, 10.

Carlos Perez beat Baba Adams, 10. Tommy Yarosz outpointed Johnny Clark, 8.

Here are the middleweight results:

Tony Zale defended his title by knocking out Rocky Graziano in 6 heats. Jimmy Edgar beat Jimmy Hayden, 10.

Jimmy Sheppard upset Artie Levine, 10. Al (Red) Priest halted Walter Woods, 4. Jack Chase beat Jimmy Coleman, 10.

Holman Williams outclassed Eddie O'Neill, 10. Frankie Augustain drew with Edgar Robinson, 10. Billy Walker scored over Charley Chaney, 8.

Steve Belloise beat Jesse Moraney, 8. Fred Apostoli stopped George Duke, 9. Anton Raadik stopped Carmen DeJohn, 4. Billy Kilroy knocked out Frankie Smith, 2, and Gregory Hidalgo, 4.

Johnny Moran stopped Kid Chocolate, 2. Villa Vincenzio outpointed Freddie Flores, 10. Paul Lewis defeated Tommy Egan, 10, and Chester Slider, 10. Deacon Johnny Brown decisioned Danny Williams, 10.

Pete Mead defeated Sonny Horne, 10. Bee Bee Washington whipped Smuggy Hursey, 10. Vinnie Vines iced Carmen Casale, 7. Jerry Fiorello scored over Charley Howard, 8, and drew with Ruben Shank, 10. Shank also lost to Tony Elizondo. Jerry Boisvert decisioned Billy Lancaster, 8.

Vince Fratello halted Jimmy Mulligan, 7, but lost to Solly Zalter, 10. Bobby Lakin decisioned Roy Miller, 10. Johnny Eagle stopped Willie Shanks, 9.

Deacon Logan chilled Jake Stephens, 3, and stopped Charley Riley, 2. Lou Rousse halted Pat Donahue, 7. Mickey Doyle outpointed Cliff Beckett, 10.

Al Walker defeated Ritchie Sands, 12. Owen Moase drew with Ron Walsh, 12. Ric Saunders chilled Butch Carter, 2.

Des Jones stopped Ted Barter, 3. Stanley Derr stopped Johnny Ditto, 8. Buddy Farrell whipped Anthony Jones, 10. Frankie Ross whipped Buddy Jones, 8.

Ruby Margolin halted Bernie Cummings, 8. Tony Vero chilled Leroy Williams, 2. Henry Jackson knocked out Ray Brown, 1.

Charley Banks decisioned Walter Duval, 10, and Duval came back to whip Billy Carrigan, 6. Harry Matthews drew with George Evans, 10.

Mike Birskovich was declared the winner over Billy Bengal on a disqualification in 9. Anthony Jones knocked out Tommy Bland, 2. Buddy O'Dell outscored Ramsey McKnight, 8.

Casey Jones stopped Johnny Roszina, 7. Stanley Simms outpunched Art Robinson, 10. Clint Perry stopped Jimmy Mulligan, 7.

Welterweight bouts follow:

Ray Robinson knocked out Sidney Miller, 3, and whipped Ossie Harris, 10. Tommy Bell beat Cecil Hudson, 10. Dave Andrews took the New England welterweight title from George Martin, 12. Tippy Larkin retained his junior welterweight title by defeating Willie Joyce in 12.

Bernard Docusen stopped Charley "Dixie" Davis, 7. Jackie Wilson defeated John Thomas, 12. Ruby Kessler knocked out Pat Foley, 1. Ralph Zannelli drew with Joe Blackwood, 10, and beat Henry Jordan, 10.

Jackie Darthard whipped Dave Riley, 10. Tommy Jessup halted Ernie Petrone, 4. Jimmy Sherrer chilled Pat Giordano, 3. Jack Larrimore won on a foul over Cotton King, 4.

Tony Riccio won over Vic Costa, 10. O'Neill Bell stopped Vinnie Rossano, 8. Tony LaRocco drew with Aurelio Vasquez, 6. Charley Zivic whipped Chet Vinci, 10.

Jack Larrimore stopped Joey Raymond, 7. Frankie Fernandez knocked out Nick Moran, 7. Leo Sawicki knocked out Jimmy Alexander, 9, and Billy Tordiglione, 1. Charlie Parham outpointed Artie Brown, 10.

Kenny James halted Johnny Taylor, 7. Vince Gambill knocked out Mike Gonzalez, 4. Joey Fredda drew with Earl Caddick, 6. Harry Preston beat Oscar Suggs, 10.

Phil Palmer stopped the winning ways of Tommy Marra by beating him in 8. Ben Evans beat Al Robinson, 10. Mike Stankovich drew with Bill Tierney, 10.

Billy Tordiglione knocked out Al Evans, 2. Herb Freeman knocked out Jimmy Smith, 2. Earl Turner outpointed Don Lee, 10, and drew with Charley Catos, 10.

Eddie Moniz stopped Maurice Beauchene, 5, and Armand Michaud, 1. Michaud starched Beauchene, 7. George Greytak knocked out Paul Ferguson, 4.

Buddy Holderfield beat Mickey McIntyre, 10, but lost to Johnny Dobbs, 10. Al Coutoure knocked out Ralph Walton, 1. Sammy Adragna decisioned Ben Montabano, 10. Lenny Mancini iced Cyril Gallie, 1. Santa Bucca beat McCoy Jones, 10.

Johnny Cesario outpointed Bobby Pryor, 10. Joey Peralta outscored Raul Zenit, 10. Eddie Smith whipped Tommy Rotolo, 10. Cosby Linson whipped Kid Azteca, 10.

Art Towne scored over Sal Ritchie, 10. Cyril Gallie halted Willie Odom, 5. Rocco Rossano beat Ruby Garcia, 8. Eddie Soares stopped Al Evans, 5. Alf Taylor scored over Billy Armstrong, 8.

Jerry Coursol outscored Shamus McCray, 8. Tony Falco decisioned Johnny Dudley, 10. Eddie Letourneau knocked out Sal Lupo, 3.

Frankie Conti outscored Benny Singleton, 10. Andy Klinges whipped Joe Murphy, 8. Jimmy Anest beat Tommy Mills, 8. Ivan Christie halted Billy Terry, 4.

Johnny Taylor drew with Johnny Moran, 10. Sparky Reynolds knocked out Cleveland Brown, 8. Al Highers outpointed Shamus McCray, 8. Young Salvatore stopped Flash Gordon, 6.

Doug Ratford beat Willie Cheatum, 8. Nava Esparza outpointed Sammy Haskins, 10. Raul Zenit stopped Harry Silver, 5. Fern Pelletier knocked out Red Cap Cooper, 2. Pat Byers iced Milton Lattimer, 3.

Jimmy McLarnin defeated Tommy Wells, 10. Pete Kennedy chilled Jimmy Murray, 2. George Martin beat Buddy Brown, 10. George LaRover whipped Paul Reguejo, 10.

Buster Beaupre outpointed Norman See, 10. Dorsey Lay outscored Otis Graham, 10.

Lightweight results:

Danny Webb defeated Dave Castilloux in 12 rounds for Canadian lightweight title.

Vic Patrick knocked out Eddie Miller, 6 (Australian lightweight title). Johnny Bratton beat Eddie Lander, 10. Buddy Garcia halted Vince Dell 'Orto, 4.

Frankie Moore chilled Bobby Yaeger, 5. Enrique Bolanos outpointed Joey Barnum, 10, and kayoed Joey Pirrone, 2. Petey Virgin scored over Paulie Jackson, 10.

Henry Kid Briere beat Corky Davis, 8, and stopped Johnny Battalino, 2, while Davis chilled Bud Labbe in 4. Jesse Flores beat Sonny Hill, 10. Billy Thompson stopped Jimmy Jury, 3.

Bill Eddy chilled Bobby McQuillar, 1. Juan Leanos knocked out William Bowen, 2, and Leroy Jackson, 6. Fabela Chavez chilled Roscoe Scally, 2. Chu Chu Ruiz knocked out Nathan Bridges, 2.

Juan Vallalba decisioned Vince Gambill, 10. Tommy Greb whipped Tommy Wells, 10, and Florient Desmarais, 12. Ted Garcia chilled Chino Alonzo, 3. Willie Bertram stopped Al Victoria, 8, and again in 7.

Maxie Shapiro scored over Al Pennino, 8. Joe Hall whipped Alby McCarthy, 12. Chester Rico beat Juste Fontaine, 10, and Harry Diduck, 8. Joey Bagnato whipped Arthur King, 8.

Walter Cabey Lewis beat Vince Dell 'Orto, 10; whipped Georgie Knox, 10. Harry Hart chilled Billy Miller, 1. Johnny Forte outpointed George Brown, 8. Pat Scanlon outpointed Cleo Shans, 8.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Ward Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.

Light-Heavyweight—Jack Fowlks, Elizabeth, N. J.

Middleweight—Randolph Turpin, Leamington Spa, Great Britain.

Welterweight—Joe D'Amato, Youngstown, Ohio.

Lightweight—Jim Cox, Dallas, Texas.

Featherweight—Richie Mendoza, Los Angeles, Cal.

Bantamweight—Peter Cook, Great Britain.

Flyweight—Monito Flores, Mexico.

Mario Trigo beat Buddy Jacklich, 10. Terry O'Toole defeated Mickey Miller, 12. Mickey Tollis chilled Jim Hill, 10. Patsy Giovanelli whipped Ruby Garcia, 8.

Bobby Woods stiffened Eddie Buck, 2. Charlie Cabey Lewis outscored Nick Stato, 10. Star Misamis repeated his previous win over Jackie Wilson, 10.

Steve Vaccarelli beat Mike Konnors, 8. Jimmy Corti outpointed Clement Rodriquez, 8. Willie Russell stopped Eddie Perry, 8. Fearless Freddie outpunched George Pilgrim, 10.

Herb Freeman outscored Lloyd Hudson, 8. Eddie Bertolino halted Harold Jackson, 5. Bobby Waters beat Jeff Holloway, 8. Francis Leonard decisioned Teddy Swain, 10.

Bobby Pooler stopped Marty Pemba, 5, but lost to Paul LeBlond, 8. Dusty Brown beat Tommy Mills, 8. Harry Hintlian knocked out Leo Methot, 2. Wray Carter defeated Joey Belifore, 8.

Rudy Cruz defeated Johnny Suarez, 10. Lefty LaChance knocked out Billy Mays, 4. Frankie Carto outpunched Pedro Firpo, 10; stopped Midget Mayo, 6. Jimmy Collins beat Archie Wilmer, 10.

The featherweight tilts:

Willie Pep knocked out Maurice Lefty LaChance, 3. (Non-title). Phil Terranova scored over Willie Roache, 10.

Jock Leslie chilled Manuel Ortega, 1, and beat Aponte Torres, 10. Spider Armstrong stiffened Johnny Juliano, 1. Oscar Calles defeated Kid Barquerito, 10. Tony Costa beat Blond Tiger, 10. Charley Riley outpointed Filberto Osario, 10.

Jimmy McAllister halted Johnny Johnson, 6. Buddy Hayes decisioned Benny May, 10. Alfredo Escobar outpointed Speedy Cabanella, 10.

Johnny Villaneuva chilled Lou Transparenti, 1. Bobby English outscored Jackie Harris, 10, and Jean Barriere, 10. Lou Alter drew with Nick Stato, 8. Maxie Docusen whipped Lou Langley, 6.

Eddie Giosa scored over Roman Alvarez, 10. Ronnie Clayton beat Ben Duffy, 15. Timothy "Buddy" Hayes knocked out Joey Longo, 7, and was later beaten by Longo in 10.

Mike Raffa defeated Johnny Gebert, 10. Kid Pancho beat Billy Alexander, 12. George Wright was kayoed by Leo Mucucci, 3. Ramon Alva beat Little Giant, 10, and drew with Bernardo Ramirez, 4.

Victor Sagpang whipped Kid Waianae, 4. Dennis Pat Brady outscored Filberto Osario, 8. Leroy Jackson beat Al Erwin, 10.

Dick Cook lost to Al Gaulteri, 10. Angelo Ambrosano defeated Tommy Monty, 8. Vic Young beat Babe Kelly, 6. Lee Salerno decisioned Joe Nadeau, 8. Willie Weasel chilled Johnny Wolgast, 6. Harry Warren stopped Billy Cook, 3. Bobby English outpointed Jean Barriere, 10. Tony Costa whipped Blond Tiger, 10.

Bantamweight contests:

Tony Olivera defeated Jackie Turner, 10, and knocked out Paul Martinez in 5. Orlando Fernandez beat Joey Puig, 12. Cliff Anderson beat Theo Medina, 10.

Teddie O'Neill lost to Bunty Doran, 8. Ralph McNeil whipped Gabriel Rios, 8. Mick McKay beat Ron Brian, 12. Mickey Francis knocked out Dave Robinson, 2.

Stan Rowen stopped Tommy Madine, 7, and Mickey Colbert, 1. Francisco Garcia chilled George Wright, 1. Tony Colato outscored Pedro Hernandez, 4.

Dick Broja stopped Ellis LaGrange, 3. Johnny Protan decisioned Ralph Rogers, 6. Jackie McCoy knocked out Roque Ojeda, 8.

Clyde (Baby Face) Daniel beat Young Abrigo, 10. Danny Carabella outpunched Bobby Richards, 8. Eddie Gibbs beat Ivan Jones, 6. Val Valentine defeated Eddie Reyes, 5. Frank Bonsos drew with Les Johnson, 8. Jerry Speers halted Billy Kenrick, 5. Dick Grant knocked out Joe Pattison, 6.

The flyweight mills:

Jimmy Gill beat Alf Hughes, 12, Billy Hazelgrove, 8, and Mickey Colbert, 8. Alf Hughes stopped Ike Weir, 7. Gilbert Hughes defeated Billy Rees, 8.

Peter Oxley stopped Ron Atherton, 3. Baby Gallo stopped Gracy Murrow, 1. Delfin Santos chilled George Tanaka, 4.

Additions to All-Time Ring Record Book

Mike Conroy
(Clement J. Versluys)

Born, Watervleit, Belgium, November 9, 1900. Nationality, Belgian. Color, White. Heavyweight.

1919

Nov. 24—Bob Slovers, Rochester.....W. 4
Dec. 2—Frank Johnson, Rochester....KO. 2
Dec. 16—Fred Martin, Rochester.....KO. 2

1920

Jan. 9—Jack Dundee, Rochester.....KO. 4
Mar. 7—Camphor Newton, Rochester...KO. 2
May 31—Harry Edwards, Rochester.....KO. 1
June 14—Dixie Kid, Rochester.....W. 4
Nov. 19—Frank Rice, Syracuse.....KO. 3
Nov. 29—Jack Fitzpatrick, Rochester...KO. 4
Dec. 6—Jim Heenan, Auburn.....KO. 2

1921

Jan. 1—Jack Mulvern, Rochester.....KO. 1
Jan. 7—Jack Holleran, Rochester.....KO. 7
Jan. 24—Jim Hibbard, Auburn.....KO. 2
Jan. 31—Bob Langdon, Rochester.....KO. 2
May 2—Charley Gouse, Rochester.....KO. 11
June 24—One Round Davis, Rochester..KO. 3
(Heavyweight Championship of Western N. Y.)
June 10—Jack Smith, Buffalo.....W. 10
June 27—Dan O'Dowd, Rochester.....L. 15
Nov. 24—Stanley Myers, Buffalo.....W. 10
Dec. 16—Stanley Myers, Buffalo.....KO. 5

1922

Jan. 12—Frank Rice, Buffalo.....KO. by 4
Jan. 24—Joe Burke, Buffalo.....KO. 3
Feb. 2—Frank Rice, Buffalo.....KO. 6
Feb. 23—Whitey Allen, Buffalo.....KO. 3
Mar. 6—Bartley Madden, Buffalo....KO. by 9
May 1—Dan Malarkey, Rochester.....KO. 1
Oct. 2—Frank Rice, Rochester.....KO. 2
Nov. 3—Fred Yarchan, Rochester.....W. 10

1923

Jan. 8—Frank Rice, Syracuse.....KO. 2
Feb. 23—Young Bob Fitzsimmons, Syracuse .....L. 12
Apr. 24—Dummy Burns, Rochester.....W. 10
May 17—Al Clair, Rochester.....W. 10
Nov. 23—Joe Burke, Rochester.....KO. 1

1924

Jan. 7—Tony Stabenau, Rochester..KO. by 2
Jan. 17—Tony Stabenau, Buffalo.....L. 10
June 16—Ed Keeley, Rochester.....L. 10
June 24—Tiny Jim Herman, Omaha..KO. by 9
Aug. 5—Bob Lawson, Buffalo.....L. 10
Aug. 20—Battling Siki, Lorrain.....KO. 8
Aug. 22—Bob Lawson, Eria.....KO. 7
Aug. 26—Ad Stone, Philadelphia.....KO. by 8
Sept. 10—Tommy Gardner, Providence...W. 10
Dec. 13—Antolin Fierro, Havana.....KO. 4
(Heavyweight Championship of Cuba)

1925

Jan. 5—Tony Stabenau, Rochester.....L. 10
Feb. 13—Homer Smith, Allentown.....L. 12
Mar. 10—Nick Peerlick, McKeesport.....W. 10
Mar. 25—Joe Lawson, New York City..L. 12
Aug. 26—George Godfrey, Hollywood BT. ST. 2

1926

Jan. 1—Sandy Seifert, Rochester.....W. 10
Mar. 4—Ray Wolfert, Rochester.....W. 10
Dec. 6—Ray Wolfert, Rochester.....D. 10

1927

Jan. 24—Ray Wolfert, Rochester.....W. 10

1928

Feb. 11—Gordon Munce, Rochester.....W. 10
Apr. 9—Johnny Urban, Rochester.....KO. 6
May 21—Jack Gross, Youngstown..... L. 12

1929

Mar. 25—Petri Corri, Rochester.....KO. by 9

1936

Oct. 6—Jack Dempsey, Rochester....Exhib. 4

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Rocky Scott
(Donald P. Post)

Born, North Greece, N. Y., 1899; Nationality, Irish-Scotch-American; Height, 5' 5"; Weight, 128-133

1917

Eddie McGovern, Rochester.....ND. 4
Larry Iota, Rochester.....ND. 4
Eddie McGovern, Rochester.....ND. 4
Cutie Kaufman, Rochester.....ND. 4

1921

Young Kilbane, Rochester.....W. 4
Young Morrocco, Rochester.....KO. 2
Sailor Connors, Vernon.....W. 4
Willie Shinock, San Diego.....W. 4
Joe "King" Leopold, Ocean Park.....ND. 4
Frankie West, Denver.....D. 6
Dummy Lavinsky, Col. Springs.....D. 6
Red Kaufman, Rochester.....W. 6
Matty Haley, Rochester.....W. 8

1922

Tommy Taylor, Rochester.....L. 10
Kick Willis, Syracuse.....B. ST. 4
Eddie Gallagher, Rochester.....L. 10
Kid Blair, Utica.....W. 10

1923

Joe Diadone, Troy.....W. 6
Joey Manuel, Jamestown.....D. 10
Yamie Katz, Rochester.....W. 6
Cosmo Canzano, Toronto.....L. 6
Joey Manuel, Le Roy.....D. 6
Bucky Lawless, Auburn Prison.....ND. 6
Barefoot Post, Palmyra.....ND. 6
Mike Conroy, Hilton.....EXH. 6

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

INTEREST in international boxing continues to grow as Joe Baksi is slated to face Freddie Mills in London this month, and Marcel Cerdan arrives here to battle Georgie Abrams in December. It is becoming increasingly evident that the American fighter is superior to the European. This has been exemplified more than ever by the number of British boys who have been whipped by Uncle Sam's nephews.

Only Bruce Woodcock, through his great kayo victory over Gus Lesnevich, looms as the only serious threat to American laurels—if he is not rushed along too quickly.

Whether the gruelling war years have weakened the constitution of the British battlers is problematical. Woodcock, Mills, and the smaller men, Cyril Gallie and Harry Silver, are all dead game and great crowd pleasers, but they all seemed to lack stamina. Also, as in the case of Cerdan, most of the invaders are veterans of the ring in years of experience if not in age.

Marcel has been campaigning for more than a decade, Mills was a county fair booth performer, Gallie and Silver, in their late twenties, are veterans of more than 200 amateur and pro bouts combined, which also tends to prove that few new faces were developed over there, and that to get a better line on their battlers, we shall have to wait.

The recent kayo of Gallie and Silver at the hands of Lenny Mancini and Raul Zenit respectively on the same card, should clinch our argument. A blow to the midsection and a left to the chin stopped Gallie dead. Silver hit Zenit with everything but the Bank of England, but Raul wouldn't budge. In the fifth heat, the exhausted Londoner couldn't raise his hands and the referee stopped the fight after Zenit was pounding Silver at will.

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Elsewhere in this issue, Nat Fleischer has thoroughly discussed the Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano classic. We'd just like to toss in our two cents' worth.

It was easily the best brawl of 1946, and as far as this scribe is concerned, it gave the younger generation something to brag about. No fair-minded old-timer will deny that the struggle between the East Side toughie and the Gary steel puddler matched the best efforts of the middleweights of yesteryear from Fitz and Ketchel down.

Also since the prelims were lost in the shuffle, here they are: Vincent LaSalva, 148, Mount Vernon, was awarded an unpopular six-round decision over Lou Valles, 146½, East Side, a Rocky Graziano protege, in the semi-final.

In scheduled sixes: Clarence Wilkinson, 165, the Bronx, floored game Steve Mamakos, 166, Washington, D. C., five times, and Referee Johnny Burns called a halt at forty-two seconds in the fifth; James C. Wilkins, 161, the Bronx, was awarded the decision over Jerry Fiorello, 158, Brooklyn, in a dull bout.

In scheduled fours: Ruben Jones, 163½, Norfolk, Va., outpointed Tom McKeagney, 161½, Boston; Joe D'Amato, 140¾, Youngstown, Ohio, was impressive for a youngster, knocking out Charley Finley, 142, the Bronx, in 2:46 of round one; Johnny Mazanoble, 145½, Schenectady, outpointed Davey Cohen, 141, the Bronx.

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In the last issue of THE RING it was stated that Bill Johnston was to be the promoter at Jamaica Arena . . . that was the authentic dope as we went to press. . . . However, Ex-Major Earl Breitbard, who enjoyed a successful season last year, is still the promoter, having renewed his lease. . . . Georgie Kochan, Akron favorite, is giving boxing another fling . . . he has settled in New York and operates a barber shop directly across the street from the Garden. . . . Herbie Kronowitz, Coney Island middleweight favorite, out for four months with a cut eye, will resume boxing at the Broadway Arena on November 18. . . . Steve Vaccarelli, popular Brooklyn lightweight, is also an expert photographer. . . . Once supported himself and family for 18 months with his camera when out with an injured hand.

Most inspiring exhibition in boxing is that put on by amputee Tony Ross of Detroit. . . . Goes through brisk four-round workout wearing long gym pants and has fans puzzled as to which leg is gone. . . . It is his left at the knee . . . amputated at Aachen. . . . Tony headlined double-amputee Pete Montesi's opening show at Danbury, Connecticut, last month with Pete refereeing.

Eddie Murphy, stringbean Bronx lightweight, is now in the Marine Corps. . . . Ted Carroll, famed feature-writing cartoonist, is working on an illustrated book to be published this Fall dealing with the lives and careers of Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. . . . Have an oddity. . . . Jerry Fiorello, a former jockey, fought a ten-round draw with Ruben Shank, a former cowboy, at St. Nick's last month. . . . Is the next match slated for Belmont Park?

Our item last month concerning the continuous growth of boxing around New York brought several letters boasting about the game flourishing in towns long dead to the mitt sport. . . . Tom Cussans is the matchmaker of the Flint Industrial Mutual Association Auditorium in Flint, Michigan. . . . Tom, who grossed $30,000 in three shows, visited New York on a talent hunt recently. . . . Also visiting the Metropolitan area was Sammy Stone, who promoted boxing at Great Lakes for the Navy during the war. . . : Sammy is running the Business Men's Gym in Miami, Florida, for Dave White. . . . Dave has also taken over the Civic Center Arena in Miami, and plans to stage pro bouts there this winter. . . . White intends to lure some of the best Northern talent to Florida's sunny climes.

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Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J., heavyweight, will leave for Johannesburg shortly and is signed for eight appearances in South Africa. . . . "Tex" Pelte, long associated with Bill Daly, will accompany the blond veteran.

As we went to press, Nat Rogers, 20th Century S. C. matchmaker, revealed that he has filled every Garden date for the remainder of 1946. . . . Here is the lineup of attractions: November 1, Johnny Greco vs. Tony Pellone; 15th, Jersey Joe Walcott vs. Elmer Ray. . . . The Garden is dark on the 22nd and 29th. . . . December 6, Georgie Abrams vs. Marcel Cerdan; 13th, Tippy Larkin vs. Charley Fusari; 20th, Ray Robinson vs. Tommy Bell, 15 rounds for welterweight title; 27th, Rocky Graziano vs. unnamed opponent.

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Lenny Mancini, 148, Youngstown, Ohio, Purple Heart veteran, went "Boom-Boom" and catapulted himself right back into the top money ranks as he exploded a left hook on the jaw of Cyril Gallie, 142¼, Cardiff, Wales, to hand the English invader his first kayo in more than 250 bouts at the Broadway Arena.

An overflow crowd which witnessed one of the best cards in the 30-year history of the Broadway Arena also saw Gallie's stablemate, Harry Silver, 139½, London, succumb to Raul Zenit, 139¼, Mexico, in 1:22 of the fifth round of another listed eight.

In the Gallie fight, Cyril seemed well on his way to a razzle-dazzle triumph over the plodding little Italian. For the first minute and a half Gallie stabbed and moved. A few body punches slowed him down, whereupon "Boom-Boom" connected with a left hook that toppled Gallie on his face. He was counted out by Referee Teddy Martin. The judges were Joe Schechter and Mike Parisi.

Silver and Zenit tore down the house in one of the most sustained sessions of savage slugging seen in many seasons. Silver connected with numerous left hooks and during the first three heats dropped Zenit three times for no-counts. The game Mexican finally came back to pound the weary Englishman into a state of helplessness in the fifth round.

Frank (Baby Beau) Hardeman, 141, Atlanta, Ga., kayoed Rocco Lescio, 138, Brooklyn, in 1:10 of the fifth of a scheduled six. In fours: Chet Bossio, 133½, New York, decisioned John Jameson, 132, Harlem; Abe Shiner, 132, East Side, whipped Joe Ciaramella, 132, Brooklyn; and Joe Johnson, 123½, New Orleans, made Bobby Jones, 123, Brooklyn, holler "Uncle" at 2:10 of the first frame.

Peter Mead, 156½, Grand Rapids, Michigan, towheaded youngster, moved right up among the middleweight leaders when he defeated Sonny Horne, 160¾, Valley Stream, L. I., turning in a workmanlike performance over the ten-round route on the opening St. Nicholas Arena show.

Horne, the favorite, and a far more seasoned fighter, allowed the rangy Mead to take the play away from him on the infighting. Pete piled up a fine lead in the early rounds and cut Sonny's right eye. In the closing stanzas, Horne began to shorten the gap as he outpunched the Midwesterner with snappy right hands, but Meade steadied down to garner the last two rounds and the duke.

The decision of Referee Frank Fullam and Judges Sammy Rosenblatt and Charley Shortell was unanimous.

In an eight-round shindig staged after the star bout, Billy Strauss, 138½, Paterson, N. J., kayoed Vince DeMarco, 137, Brooklyn, in 2:21 of the sixth round.

Paddy DeMarco, 138¼, Brooklyn, won a bruising six from Donald Murray, 134½, New Rochelle, N. Y., while Jimmy Conn, 152, Milburn, N. J., outpointed Gerard Munzinger, 145, Paterson, N. J., in another tough six.

John Cafarella, 152, New York, edged out Jerry Heimowitz, 155, Brooklyn, in a bloody four, while Joe Garcia, 128¾, Puerto Rico, received a break in winning the opener from Eddie Smith, 128¾, New York, who deserved no worse than a draw.

Johnny Colan, 174, Hell's Kitchen blond belter, finally seems to have attained his prewar fighting form. He proved it by easily belting out Tony Musto, 193, Chicago, Ill., before a sellout crowd at the Park Arena. Referee Barney Felix calling a halt at 1:22 of the third.

Musto was dropped for a one-count with a left hook and right to the head in the second and when Colan opened a cut over his left eye the referee stopped it. The gross gate was $4492.

Jimmy Meeks, 191½, Bronx, defeated Luther McMillen, 174, Brooklyn, in the eight-round semi-windup.

Ruben Jones, 164½, Norfolk, Va., hammered out a decision over Wayne Armstrong, 161, Valley Stream, L. I., in a six, while Laverne Roach, 155½, Plainsview, Texas, vanquished Billy Hearold, 160, Houston, in another six.

In a pair of fours, Sal Amoroso, 129½, Boston, kayoed Grady Wilson, 125, Bronx, in 2:52 of the third, and Ross Anzalone, 142, New York, decisioned Herbie Solomon, 141, Harlem.

Jerry Fiorello, 157¾, Brooklyn, overcame a big lead built up in the early rounds by Cowboy Ruben Shank, 160, Denver, Colorado, and earned a ten-round draw before 2500 fans at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Shank swarmed all over Jerry in the first half of the tussle, but the sturdy Italian switched to counter punching in the last part to shake Shank several times. Referee Billy Cavanagh called it all even, but Judge Jim Hagan tallied for Shank, while the other judge, Jack O'Sullivan, had Fiorello in front.

Charley Noel, 129, Brooklyn, knew a little too much for boyish-faced Johnny LaRusso, 129¾, Bronx, and copped the decision in the semi-final eight.

Jimmy Conn, 151, Kokomo, Ind., defeated Walter DiMaio, 148, New York, in a closely fought six, and Frank Hardeman, 134½, Atlanta, Ga., knocked out Oliver White, 141, Brooklyn, in 1:21 of the fifth of a listed six.

Billy Nelson, 139, Harlem, nosed out George Paliotta, 134¼, Bronx, in a hard-fought four, and Paddy Young, 141, Ozone Park, L. I., cut Billy Harkins, 136½, New York, over the left eye, and the latter was not permitted to come up for the fourth canto.

Bill Poland, 199½, Bronx Hebrew heavyweight, made it three in a row since his discharge from the service when he kayoed Dan Merritt, 208, Cleveland, in 1:32 of the third round before a capacity crowd at the Ridgewood Grove.

Merritt, a last-minute sub for the ailing Al Blake, attempted to use his greater weight advantage in the clinches by leaning all over Poland. Towards the end of the opening heat, Bill belted Dan to the deck for a six-count. In the fatal third, Poland found the range and the mauling Merritt was stiffened after first taking two nine-counts. The gate was $5800. Jack Appel was the referee, while Marty Monroe and Bobby Dawson served as judges.

Joey Carkido, 137, Youngstown, Ohio, stablemate of Tony Janiro, had things much his own way as he won his first eight-round start against Bobby Williams, 138, Tampa, Fla., in the semi-windup.

Jackie Martinez, 148, New York, hammered Chatos Ramos, 148, Mexico, out of the picture in the jig time of 43 seconds, and Al Maggi, 160, Greenwich Village, starched Howard Settles, 150½, New York, in 47 seconds of the second stanza in slated sixes.

Ray Shaf, 159½, East Side, and Tommy Burke, 158½, Bronx, battled to a four-round draw, and in the opener, John Blasco, 137½, East Side, stiffened George Scott, 138, Harlem, in 1:03 of the second round.

Bernard Docusen, 142½, New Orleans sensation, continued his winning ways around the New York area as he completely outclassed aggressive and willing Charley (Dixie) Davis, 143¼, Kingston, N. J., finally flattening the rugged Negro in 2:37 of the seventh round at the Queensboro Arena.

A capacity crowd thrilled to the flashy form displayed by the "Dook." Except for one or two flurries, Davis couldn't find him with a searchlight. A barrage of punches sent Charley to the canvas for a six-count in the sixth, and a two-fisted flurry floored him for keeps in the following frame. Jack Hulbert was the referee, Frank Connifrey and Sam Austin the judges.

Bernard's kid brother, Maxie, 127½, had little trouble winning the six-round semi-final from Lou Langley, 120½, New York.

Other sixes saw Joey Carkido, 138½, Youngstown, Ohio, drub Eskar Moseley, 144, Bronx, and Baby Beau Jack, 141½, Atlanta, Ga., shellacked Emmett Grier, 144, Detroit. Herbie Morris, 146¼, Cleveland, beat John Holmes, 139, New York, and Joe Murray, 142, Brooklyn, kayoed Charley Grant, 141¼, Bronx, in 2:39 of the first heat in the four rounders.

Eddie Giosa, 137¾, Philadelphia protege of Midget Wolgast, closed aggressively in the late rounds to decision Roman Alvarez, 140, East Side, in the main ten-round bout at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Giosa got off to a good lead, jabbing and hooking well, but Alvarez evened things up in the middle rounds with rapid fire flurries to the head and body. A cut left eye hampered the loser. Referee Jack Hulbert awarded the bout to the ex-paratrooper, six rounds to four, but Judges Frank Forbes and Charley Rosen dissented, the former giving it to Giosa five, three, and two even, while Rosen had Giosa ahead six, three and one even.

In the eight-round semi-final, Mayhew Smith, 145¼, Raleigh, N. C., outpointed Charley Howard, 147, Pittsburgh. A four staged after the main event didn't last long as Bob Isler, 173, Harlem, kayoed Billy Beauford, 175, Des Moines, Ia., in 1:51 of the first.

Other four-rounders saw Danny Ruggiero, 147, Yonkers, N. Y., defeat Billy Nelson, 144, Harlem, Billy Murphy, 140½, Brooklyn, won over Ray Solomon, 138½, Washington, D. C., and Jimmy Mangia, 156, East Side, whipped King David Weaver, 158, Harlem.

For a fleeting instant stiff belting Tommy Marra, 148, White Plains youngster, stood on the threshold of national recognition among the welterweight leaders when he dumped durable Phil Palmer, 144, Vancouver, B. C., in the first heat at Croke Park, but the canny Canuck scrambled to his feet at nine and went on to take an eight-round decision. It was the first defeat for Marra in 21 contests.

Two sixes failed to go the limit when John LaRusso, 130, Bronx, kayoed Ralph LaSalle, 122½, New York, in 2:39 of round two, and Joey Fredda, 146¼, Brooklyn, stiffened Billy Grier, 150, Detroit, in 2:41 of the opening canto.

Four fours completed the show as Walt Cartier, 160, New York, beat Charley Perkins, 157½, Corona, L. I., Danny Sabia, 157, Port Chester, decisioned Gregory Hidalgo, 152¼, Mexico, Raul Roque, 125½, Mexico, won from Larry Spencer, 120½, New York, and Eli DeLoach, 144½, New York, kayoed Jerry Stevens, 149¼, New York, in 2:03 of the third.

Tony LaRocca, 139½, highly touted Jamaica, L. I., youngster, received a rude jolt when he was held to a six-round draw by Aurelio Vasquez, 141, Mexico, a so-so prelim fighter, in the feature fray at Dexter Park.

LaRocca, boasting an impressive string of knockouts, belted Vasquez with his Sunday punches time and again but failed to dent Aurelio. Judge Tom Guilfoyle thought the Mexican won, but Referee Arthur Berger tabbed LaRocca, while Judge John Potter scored it a draw.

Pete Muscarnera, 149½, Ridgewood, stopped the veteran Stanley Miller, 146¾, Ozone Park, L. I., at the end of the fourth round with a severely cut eyebrow. The bout was listed for six heats. In other sixes, Augie Bosshammer, 138½, Valley Stream, L. I., beat Lou Daniels, 131¾, Bronx, and Morrie (Curley) Nichols, 138, Brownsville prewar star, returned to ring action with a bruising win over Allie Wolf, 137½, West Side.

Gene Gosney, 199, Forest Hills, L. I., scored a quick one-round kayo over Leo Montague, 198, Brooklyn, in 1:21 of a slated four, and Ray Solomon, 142, Washington, D. C., butchered Pedro Arce, 136½, Brooklyn, in 1:38 of the second round in the opener.

Willie Beltram, 135, Brooklyn, knocked out Al Victoria, 135, Harlem, in 1:42 of the eighth and final round in the star bout at the Park Arena. The eight-round semi-final failed to go the distance as Pete Kennedy, 147½, Elmsford, N. Y., kayoed Leroy Eppes, 145, Bronx, in 1:22 of the fourth frame.

In sixes, Rube Jones, 164¾, Norfolk, Va., decisioned Johnny Harvey, 161, Port Chester, N. Y., and Freddy Menna, 145, Jamaica, L. I., beat Harold Alle, 149½, St. Paul, Minn.

Charles Crick, 151, New York, decisioned Ralph Terrace, 148, and Dave Carver, 169¾, whipped Bob Grant, 172, New York, in four-round bouts.

Jerry Fiorello, 156½, Red Hook Italian veteran, outslugged Charley Howard, 149, Pittsburgh, to take an eight-round decision on the closing Coney Island Velodrome show before a crowd of 3000.

In an eight-round co-feature, Julie Bort, 138, Brooklyn, knocked out Lou Prince, 132½, Princeton, N. J., in 2:22 of the sixth round. A third eight went to flashy Danny Carabello, 123½, New York, as he defeated James Carter, 130½, East Side.

Steve DeLuca, 169, Brooklyn, drew with Ed Richardson, 164½, Paterson, N. J., and Johnny Jamieson, 129, Philadelphia, beat Charley Green, 124½, Brooklyn, in the four-round frays.

Wily Maxie Shapiro, 135, East Side cutie, had enough left to outsmart the eager, hard-punching Al Pennino, 129½, Brooklyn, to cop the decision in the main eight-round go at the Broadway Arena.

Jimmy Warren, Brooklyn lightweight favorite, outpointed Charley Noel, also of Brooklyn, in the eight-round semi-final.

In sixes, Phil Thomas, 128½, Bronx, whipped Kenny Haines, 126, Toronto, and Walter DeMaio, 151½, New York, trounced Chatos Ramos, 148, Mexico. Marvin Dick, 124½, Brooklyn, kayoed Tony Sileo, 125½, New York, in the third heat, and Tom Burke, 155½, required the same number of rounds to finish Teddy Wilson, 156, Bronx.

Pat Scanlon, 139½, Ozone Park, L. I., got back into the win column at the Fort Hamilton Arena by jabbing and punching his way to a unanimous eight-round decision over Cleo Shans, 138, rugged Los Angeles Negro, before a crowd of 4036 fans.

Shans, making his first start in almost six months, constantly forced the issue, but the tough little Irishman kept him at bay with stiff counter punching. The referee was Ray Miller. Eddie Benson and Bobby Dawson were the judges.

Bobby Richards, 124, Portland, Oregon, was held to a draw in the eight-round semi-final by Leo LeBrun, 123, Montreal, whom he had previously whipped.

Benny May, 122, Montreal, had little trouble starching Larry Spencer, 123, New York, in 2:24 of the second session. Billy Murphy, 138, Brooklyn, vanquished Charley Finley, 140, New York, Joe Holmes, 133, Boston, conquered Herb Johnson, 132, Brooklyn, and Sal Amoroso, 132, Boston, outpointed Lou Pisano, 136, Brooklyn, in the four-round events.

Ruby Kessler, 141¾, classy Coney Islander, gunning for another go in the Garden, blasted out the veteran Pat Foley, 136, Worcester, Mass., in 2:36 of the first round of a slated eight-round feature at the Ridgewood Grove.

A capacity crowd saw Kessler get the best of a brief exchange of right hands until he nailed Foley with a wallop to the chin that knocked the New Englander flat on his back in his own corner where he was counted out by Referee Jack Appel. The judges were Jim Hagan and Mike Parisi.

Gene Gosney, 197½, Forest Hills, L. I., showed loads of promise as he bounced Marty Gordon, 196½, New York, off the canvas three times to stop the latter in the quick time of 41 seconds of the opening canto. In sixes Georgie Wright, 122½, Philadelphia, upset Davey "Red" Allen, 121½, New York, Sammy Julian, 138, Brooklyn, whipped Tiger Nelson, 144¾, Bronx, and Johnny LaRusso, 128½, Bronx, defeated Willie LeGree, 129¼, Harlem.

The lone four saw Ray Shaf, 160½, New York, win a brisk slugging bee from Jerry Heimowitz, 155, Brooklyn.

Charley Howard, 148, Pittsburgh, a last minute sub for Tony DeRosa, scored an upset over highly favored Jimmy McDonough, 150, Brooklyn, in the star bout of eight rounds at the Forum Arena before a sparse crowd.

Howard dropped the ex-Marine twice for no-counts and cut his eye. Anthony Mealfi was the referee.

Archie Devino, 120½, Long Island City protege of Bobby Ruffin, trounced Wilce Rivera, 124½, Puerto Rico, in a good eight-round scrap.

Two sixes resulted in wins for Bernie Bernard and Tommy Lynch. Bernard, 131, Brooklyn, whipped Billy Reid, 129½, Harlem, and Lynch, 140, Bronx, beat Earl Shaw, 146, Boston. The opening four went to Russ Anzalone, 142½, New York, who kayoed Artie Davis, 140, Bronx, in 1:11 of the second session.

Carrying the fight to his bigger foe from start to finish, Jimmy Carollo, 198, Corona, L. I., looked good in outpointing Big Jim Neville, 211, Newark, N. J., in the main attraction of eight rounds at Dexter Park.

This was Carollo's sixth straight win, and the verdict of Referee Pete Hartley and Judges Jack O'Sullivan and Joe Ryder was unanimous. It was the final show of the 1946 outdoor season presented by Matchmaker Johnny Attell.

The semi-final six-rounder, staged after the main event saw Wally DeMaio, 150, Queens Village, L. I., defeat Tony Bertucci, 156, Brooklyn.

In another six, Fred Menna, 149, Jamaica, L. I., whipped Harold Alle, 148, St. Paul. Sammy Chernoff, 127, Brooklyn, outpointed Wendel Douglas, 123, Harlem, Tony Ferraro, 131, Brooklyn, triumphed over Johnny Jamison, 132, Philadelphia, and Natie Brown, 153, New York, won from Billy Alvarez, 149, Puerto Rico, in four-round bouts.

Welshman Cyril Gallie, 142½, Cardiff, lambasted poor Willie Odom, 146½, Chicago, with everything but the boxoffice receipts until Referee Jack Watson mercifully called a halt at 2:15 of the fifth round before a crowd of 4000 at the Broadway Arena.

Gallie, substituting for Morris Reif on three days' notice, looked even better than he did in his American debut three weeks earlier. He chased the game Chicagoan all over the ring and dropped Willie for a two-count in the opening canto.

Only one of the prelims went the distance as the capacity house thrilled to slam-bang slugfests. Joey Brocato, 132¼, East Side, punished Rodney Freyres, 134, Puerto Rico, so severely that he was not permitted to come up for the fourth round of the listed six-round semi-final.

Pete Muscarnera, 149, Brooklyn, flattened Eli DeLoach, 148, East Side, in 2:22 of the third, and Curley Nichols, 138, Brooklyn, trounced Juan Lausell, 143¼, Puerto Rico, in sixes.

A right to the stomach finished Tomez Baez, 134, Puerto Rico, in 1:48 of the first in his scheduled four against Joe Holmes, 135¾, Passaic, N. J., and Joe Johnson, 124, New Orleans, won the opener over Raul Roque, 125½, Puerto Rico, in 2:50 of round three.

Rocco Rossano, 141, Brooklyn, dropped Ruby Garcia, 135, Puerto Rico, in the first round, then outpunched his sturdy opponent all the way to take the duke in the star eight-rounder at the Park Arena.

Ralph Nieves, 148, Puerto Rico, kayoed Charley Finley, 145, Harlem, in 1:50 of the fifth round of a scheduled six-round semi-final. In another six, Jerry Heminger, 163, Tiffin, Ohio, outpointed Charley Perkins, 156, Corona, L. I., while Phil Burton, 143¾, St. Louis, stopped Frankie Cardinal, 146, West Side, in 2:44 of the third.

Oscar Wright, 137, Chester, Pa., knocked out Frank Frazer, 139, Harlem, in 1:33 of the opening stanza, and Sal Ferraro, 122, Bronx, beat Rosy Sans, 120, Brooklyn, in the four-round tilts.

Billy Kilroy, 156½, Paterson, N. J., continued his climb up the middleweight ladder when he knocked out Frankie Smith, 155¼, Brooklyn, in 1:39 of the second round of the feature contest slated for six rounds at Croke Park Arena. A good crowd turned out for the final show of the season at the Bronx outdoor club.

The semi-final of six rounds ended in 1:07 of the first round when Francisco Garcia, 122½, Puerto Rico, starched Georgie Wright, 121½, Philadelphia.

Bobby Quinn, 139½, Boston, licked George Paliotta, 134½, Bronx; Davey Allen, 124¾, New York, defeated Kenny Haines, 130¼, Hamilton, Ontario, and Pat Murray, 144½, Paterson, N. J., earned a decision over Carl Stein, 141½, Bronx, in other six-rounders.

Bob Isler, 170, Newark, N. J., outscored Steve DeLucia, 165, Brooklyn, in the opening four.

Buddy Knox, 200, Dayton, Ohio, stopped Tommy Campanella, 185, Brooklyn, in 35 seconds of the fourth round of the final show at the Fort Hamilton Arena when Referee George Walsh intervened to save the Italian lad from further punishment. Boxing at the Army reservation enjoyed one of its biggest years under the direction of Jack and Ray Monahan.

The semi-final also ended in a knockout when Eddie Guarino, 160, Ozone Park, L. I., trailing slightly, unleashed a right uppercut to kayo Eric Best, 156, Brooklyn, in 1:55 of the fifth.

In scheduled sixes, Buster Peppe, 171, Greenwich Village, outpointed Leroy McQueen, 165, Syracuse, N. Y., and Henry Holley, 178, Brooklyn, knocked out Larry Shuck, 177, Jersey City, N. J., in 1:37 of the first. Rudy DeSanti, 160, Brooklyn, scored a knockout over Al Chavious, 155, West Side, in 1:57 of the first.

Eddie Benson, 201, Brooklyn, took a four-round decision over Johnny Willard, 202, New York.

Steve Vaccarelli, 134½, popular Brooklyn youngster, returned to action after a long layoff, and despite a badly cut left eye, grimly battled his way to an eight-round victory over Mike Konnors, 139½, New York, in one of three feature eights at the Ridgewood Grove.

The decision rendered by Jack Clifford and Judges Frank Woessner and Tony Schiavone was unanimous.

Joey Fontana, 131½, Brooklyn, a prewar top-flight favorite, looked as good as ever in flattening Georgie Knox, 127½, Newark, N. J., in 48 seconds of the fifth round. A left hook to the chin finished the Jerseyite after he had taken six previous trips to the canvas.

Frankie Pucci, 120, Toronto, and Benny May, 124½, Montreal, staged a private war of their own, and after eight sizzling rounds, the verdict went to Pucci. The crowd howled for a draw.

Jerry Heminger, 162¼, Tiffin, Ohio, hung one on Charley Perkins, 155, Corona, L. I., in 1:13 of the second of a slated six, and Jimmy Mangia, 156, East Side, kayoed Joe Brown, 151, Brooklyn, in 1:49 of the third in the curtain raiser.

Chester Rico, rangy Bronx lightweight, had things pretty much his own way in outpointing Harry Diduck, Brooklyn clubfighting favorite, in the main bout at the Forum Arena.

Only one of the prelims went the scheduled distance. Mickey Zengara, Bronx, stopped Gregory Hidalgo, Puerto Rico, in the fifth heat of a middleweight melee, Phil Burton, St. Louis lightweight, halted Lou Daniels, Bronx, in two rounds; Jimmy Meeks, Bronx heavyweight, kayoed Billy Beauford, New York, in the second, and Sal Ferello, Harlem bantam, finished Rosy Sans, East Side, in three stanzas.

Anthony Versito, Bronx lightweight, beat Billy Smith of Medford, Mass., in the lone four that went the limit.

Georgie Kochan, 175, Akron, Ohio, battered Joe Reddick, 166, Paterson, N. J., throughout eight rounds, but couldn't bring the tough Negro down as he won an eight-round decision at the Broadway Arena.

Referee Mark Conn gave Kochan eight out of eight rounds while Judges Artie Aidala and Jack Goodman also balloted for George, making the verdict unanimous.

Ray Lewis, 134, Honolulu, fought his way to a fast eight-round semi-final victory over willing Vic Moreno, 140¼, Venezuela.

Art Ramsey, 195, Glens Falls, N. Y., flattened Walter Spiroch, 187, Flushing, L. I., with a barrage of right-hand punches in 1:39 of round one. Billy Nelson, 143½, Harlem, won in four from Leonard Ceasar, 138½, Harlem, while the four between Al Hirsch, 156½, East Side, and Charlie Zack, 151½, West Side, ended in a draw, and Jimmy Mangia, 157, New York, beat King David, 158½, Harlem, in a third four.

Nylon hose and three eight-round bouts were featured on Promoter Earl Breitbard's opening show at the Jamaica Arena, but a disappointing crowd of 1,000 turned out to see Danny Carabella, 119½, Bronx, outpoint Bobby Richards, 125, Portland, Ore., in the top eight.

Referee Young Otto and Judges John Potter and Frank Connifrey awarded Carabella the unanimous decision. The nylon hose, 36 pairs of them, went to lucky female ticket holders who had the winning number.

Archie Devino, 121, Long Island City, outslugged Leo LeBrun, 122¼, Bronx, in a good eight-rounder. Jimmy Carter, 130, Bronx, won a vigorous eight-round punching bee from Paul Midiri, 129¾, Corona, L. I.

Tony LaBua, 136, Ozone Park, L. I., trounced Johnny Johnson, 128, Garfield, N. J., in a six. The opening four saw Johnny Thelan, 170½, Lake Ronkonkoma, L. I., stow Johnny Lopez, 166, Jamaica, L. I., away in 1:23 of the first heat.

Patsy Giovanelli, Brooklyn lightweight, once again defeated Ruby Garcia, tough Puerto Rican battler, in the eight-round windup at the Forum Arena. Patsy had beaten Ruby in an outdoor tilt two months earlier.

Mel Johnson, Chicago importation of Maurie Waxman, turned in an impressive victory over Johnny King, Harlem welterweight, in the eight-round semi-final.

Two sixes saw Herbie Morris, Cleveland welter, win over Joe LaScala, Harlem, while Tommy Lynch kayoed Earl Shaw of the Bronx in another welterweight contest. The four-round opener went to Sal Amoroso, Boston, as he beat Johnny Jamison of New York in a lightweight encounter.

Professional boxing returned to suburban Yonkers for the first time in many years as Pete Kennedy, 147, Elmsford, N. Y., knocked out Jimmy Murray, 144, Brooklyn, in 1:48 of the second round before a gathering estimated at 2,000 at the Trinity Auditorium.

Willis Parker, 175, Yonkers, won the decision in the eight-round semi-final over Al Smith, 190, Detroit.

Two slated fours ended in kayoes as Billy Smith, 139, Boston, kayoed Charley Grant, 143, New York, in 1:31 of the first, and Nick Mistovich, 143, Yonkers, stiffened Artie Davis, 142, Boston, in 2:14 of round four.

Willie Beltram, 136, Bronx, and Al Victoria, 135, Harlem, staged another free-swinging slugfest before a capacity crowd at the Park Arena, and Beltram once more kayoed Victoria in 1:17 of the seventh round of a scheduled eight. The victor had halted his opponent with only a few seconds remaining in their previous mill.

In this encounter, Victoria was floored twice before being put away for keeps.

George B. Smith, 141, Brooklyn, outpointed Willie Fears, 138, Akron, O., in the semi-final eight.

Davey Cohen, 143½, stopped his Bronx rival, Jerry Wright, 144½, in 1:18 of the third, and Walter Cartier, 158, won another all-Bronx tilt as he knocked out Jimmy Jackson, 158½, in 41 seconds of the fifth. These were scheduled sixes.

Joe Savarese, 216, Bronx, and Joe Mason, 187, Pittsburgh, battled to a draw, while Johnny Morales, 128, Bronx, beat Al Headley, 130½, Charleston, S. C., in four-round bouts.

Jimmy Carollo, 202, Corona, L. I., made it seven straight along the comeback trail when he stopped Johnny Aichers, 190, Cliffside Park, N. J., in the second round of the star bout at the Jamaica Arena. Referee Al Berle stopped it as Carollo was battering the Jerseyite unmercifully at 1:23 of the fatal canto.

Manuel Zurita, 128½, Mexico, outpointed Bobby Root, 131½, Corona, in the semi-windup eight. A pair of sixes saw Freddie Menna, 143½, Jamaica, L. I., beat Gerard Munzinger, 145½, Paterson, N. J., and Donald Murray, 146, New Rochelle, N. Y., defeated Tony DeSalvo, 141, Astoria, L. I.

Joe Murray, 143, Elmont, L. I., opened the show with a four-round decision over Johnny Ortega, 141¼, of the Bronx.

Anticipated fistic fireworks failed to explode when Ruby Kessler, 143½, Coney Island, collided with Pat Scanlon, 142½, Ozone Park, L. I., in the featured ten-spot at the St. Nicholas Arena as Ruby romped off with a one-sided unanimous verdict.

The lads had clashed in a pier sixer at Ebbets Field during the summer which saw each gladiator take a trip to the deck in a bitter brawl. In this rubber encounter, Kessler rocked Scanlon several times with right hands but seemed content to outbox and outpunch Pat rather than finish him. Referee Harry Ebbets and Judges Jack Gordon and Artie Schwartz each scored it nine rounds to one in favor of Kessler.

Lee Jones, 141, Philadelphia, outpointed Dom Amoroso, 136¼, Jersey City, N. J., in the six-round semi-final.

Paul Tine, 150½, New York, was too rough and tough for Johnny Caruso, 154, Jersey City, in a six-rounder. Andy "Buster" Peppe, 173, New York, looked good in stopping Luther McMillen, 175, Brooklyn, in 2:18 of the fourth round of another listed six.

The opening four was won by Ross Anzalone, 140, Bronx, who battered Len Holton, 144½, Harlem.

One of the largest crowds in the history of Ridgewood Grove boxing jammed the historic neighborhood club and paid $7,100 to watch Harry Berntsen, 214, blond Norwegian giant, flatten George Reed, 192, Providence, R. I., in 2:26 of the first round of a scheduled eight-round main event. The all-time record at Ridgewood is $7,200, set by Billy Petrolle in his tilt with Sammy Fuller almost two decades ago.

Reed gamely tried to rush Berntsen, but accurate right crosses spilled him three times before Referee Ray Miller called a halt. The judges were Gus Galli and Sam Cohen.

Tommy Marra, 150¾, sensational White Plains youngster, was forced to go all out to defeat stubborn Artie Mott, 147, Atlanta, Ga., in an eight-round slugfest. Tommy was down for a seven-count and cut over the left eye, but shook and staggered Mott in almost every round.

A third eight saw Clem Fitzpatrick, 159, Ozone Park, outpoint Johnny Harvey, 162½, Port Chester, N. Y., while Sammy Julian, 138½, Brooklyn, brought his intended six with Leon Kennedy, 145, New York, to an abrupt halt at 1:37 of round three.

Henry Beil, 146, East Side, impressively flattened Freddy Torres, 143, Puerto Rico, and Leon Montague, 196½, Brooklyn, drew with Teddy Jablow, 188, Ozone Park, in four-round frays.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KREUTER

CURTIS SHEPPARD, the Philadelphia Hatchetman, added Willie Barrow, a cousin of Joe Louis from Detroit, to his list of knockout victims in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the Century A. C. on September 30. Barrow, who was highly rated around these parts because of his relationship to the Brown Bomber, was not even a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Early in the third Barrow was floored for a count of three, but was not in distress. A few moments later Sheppard tagged him with a left and turned him over with a right in back of the head. Barrow tried in vain to regain his feet. He was almost erect at the count of nine, but toppled over to be counted out. Up to this round the fight had been rather dull.

It remained for two of the supporting matches to steal the show. For rawbone roughhouse action these scraps were tops, and the fans enjoyed both of them. Howard Bennett, 176, and Leo Stoll, 184, mauled each other all over the ring for eight rounds with the former gaining the unanimous verdict.

In the other crowd-pleaser, King Kong, 189, dropped a six-round contest to Eddie Franklin, 185½. It was a slugfest with neither asking any quarter.

The two other prelims saw Johnny Clinton win unanimously from Frankie Les, and Johnny Caster stop Eddie Leach in the third session.

For the first time in two months, the fistic fans here saw a main bout go the entire distance of ten rounds at the Century A. C. on October 7. Ralph Zannelli, veteran New England welter, and Henry Jordon of New York were the two boys who accomplished this feat much to the latter's dismay. As far as he was concerned, they could have stopped the fight after the third session. That was the last time that he gained any advantage over his heavier opponent, 145 to 141.

It was strictly a case of too much left hand by Zannelli, and Jordon didn't seem able to put up a capable defense against it and there was the story of the fight. All three officials and this writer had identical score sheets, giving Zannelli eight and his opponent two.

Frankie Lacey, back in the fistic wars after a few months' layoff by virtue of a bad hand, took a unanimous decision from Charley Marshall in six.

In a corking five-rounder Edgar Poe dropped a unanimous vote to heavier hitting Billy Richardson.

Jimmy Brown knocked out Maurice Nelson; Oscar Wakefield won unanimously from Frankie Les, and Joe Camaratta and Johnny Caster drew in four-round tests.

What Now for Joe Louis?

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boys are wondering whether it isn't some form of murder, why the candidate ups and makes it look astonishingly good.

Even this past September, with Conn out of the picture and no possible contender in sight, Mike put the finger on Tami Mauriello, and the Jacobs Beachcombers were saying there ought to be a law. But Tami walked out there and heaved his high hard one and for a moment Louis and his title were spinning all over the place, doing a Leon Errol trick-knee act.

Of course, it was only for an instant, because Joe just turned around and pulled the trigger on the one-five-five long-toms he uses for fists, and school was out. But that single shot of Tami's made Gus Fan promise himself he'd be on hand the next time, just in case the next one might throw two of the same, and start the fun.

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JUST who it will be in January or February, not even Jacobs is quite sure. Mike is already laying out the program for next summer by signing a pre-Christmas clout party between Jersey Joe Walcott, the Camden comebacker with the remarkable record, and the Violent Ray, who has been howling for a shot in New York for two years and has kayoed 13 straight rivals while waiting for it. It might be, the loser in that one would be served up on a platter for Louis—like an order of fried chicken—for the indoor taffy pull. The winner, in that case, would tangle in the spring with Baksi for the mid-summer night's dream Joe will give him, provided, of course, that Baksi comes home from England with light-heavyweight champion Freddie Mills' scalp.

Or, if Mike wants to keep all these probables in the showcase until next spring, along with Woodcock, who is a good right-hand puncher but needs considerable seasoning, it might be he'll trot out Joey Maxim, the Cleveland campaigner whose chief claim to fame here lately was an astonishing decision win over Walcott. He's the only man to finish in front of Jersey Joe since Walcott came out of retirement two years ago.

Up to that time, Cleveland Joey was figured to be just a fair journeyman heavyweight, who belonged in a ring with Joe Louis only if he was invited in to take a bow. Curtis Sheppard once knocked him out in a round and Ezzard Charles whipped him twice, and, as recently as 1944, Lloyd Marshall and Johnny Flynn took care of him once a-piece. But that win over Walcott, even though Jersey Joe hurt his hands in that fight, put Maxim right up front and center as a candidate for the winter walloping with Louis.

Or it could be Billy Conn, provided Mike can convince the folks that this time it would be different from the $100-a-seat tra-la-la of last June.

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OF course, Billy didn't win any friends or influence people by saying, in his recent offer to fight Louis for nothing, that if he got another chance, he wouldn't listen to his handlers the next time. After all, Johnny Ray and Milt Jaffe and Freddie Fiero and Sol Gold have been his friends for a long, long time. They worked with him for the Louis fight—and for years before—and they were all in there giving it the good old college try. And they did an especially fine job, at that. Most of them even bet their money on Billy to win.

Conn, in "putting the rap" on them, seems to have overlooked the small detail that none of them could get in there and do his fighting for him, although it is a matter for argument whether it wouldn't have been an improvement if one of them did try it that night.

While all the picking and choosing is going on, of course, the fellow who will be bothering least about it will be Joe Louis. He's on vacation from ring-wrecking jobs until January, at the earliest.

His No. 1 vacation concern, in the meantime, will be to see just how few times he'll have to hit a poor defenseless little white ball with an iron-headed club to tour around a patch of pasture.

And, even as you and I and any other golf bug, he can't get enough of it. Between the Conn and Mauriello fights, he went 36 holes practically every day.

Aside from that, Joe also is spending considerable time and effort developing the business in his Harlem soda-shoppe and chow-house. This is definitely not a plaything with Joe. Like Toots Shor or Leo Lindy or any other restaurant man, he's not in it for his health. He has invested his own money in the place—owns a considerable percentage in it—and regardless of what you hear, Mike Jacobs is not a partner. Joe is planning to make it pay, too. You can't rule him off for that.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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of the same city, weighing 214 pounds. Despite the difference in weight of 56 pounds, McCusker almost held his own. He lost the decision by a small margin.

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In Algiers on September 9, nearly two dozen knockouts were scored in one boxing match, the referee being among the victims. Disapproving the verdict which gave the decision and the middleweight championship of North Africa to the French fighter, Yvel, spectators invaded the ring and started a free-for-all. First they went after the third man in the ring and knocked him unconscious. Then when the gendarmes interfered and tried to quell the disturbance, the mob went after the police. They laid about a dozen of the minions of the law out before reinforcements reestablished order.

By that time, more than fifty persons were stretched out awaiting medical care. They were all taken to the hospital for treatment. The challenger, Abderrahmane, survived with minor injuries, he being one of the few within the roped square who did not require removal to the hospital.

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On September 25, Ray Robinson went down on one knee and claimed a foul in his bout with Sidney Miller whom he stopped in the third round. The referee gave Sugar Ray a five minutes rest. Had this happened in New York, Ray would either have gotten up within ten seconds or would have been counted out.

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At Lewiston, Maine, Ralph Walton, a Montreal welterweight, was knocked out before he even got started in his fight with Al Coutoure on September 24. Coutoure rushed out of his corner, at the opening bell so fast that he caught Walton with a right hook to the body while the Canadian was still adjusting his mouthpiece and down went Walton for the full count. It was one of the few times in recent years when the first punch delivered by one of the contestants scored a knockout.

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At the Jamaica Arena in New York City, former Major Breitbart inaugurated his second season of professional boxing with an all-star card. As a special inducement to pack the Arena he announced that he would give 36 pairs of nylons to that number of lucky fans among the fair sex and despite the lure, only 1000 persons attended. All of which proves that what the followers of boxing want and will pay to see, is a good card of action fights, not nylon stockings.

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At Denver, Ted "Mustang" Garcia, Indian southpaw, knocked out Chino Alonzo with a solar plexus punch. The referee declared that Alonzo had been properly hit and counted him out while on one knee but the Boxing Commission officials said that they had not seen the punch, hence overruled the referee and suspended Alonzo and forfeited his purse! Pity that boxing commissions cannot put their trust in the officials they appoint.

In Philadelphia, at the Broadwood Club, Johnny Forte and Dusty Brown were having it out in the ring when Brown resorted to butting. Forte, angered, rushed his man, pushed him to the floor and kicked Dusty. Whereupon Referee Dave Beloff intervened and was caught in the midst of an exchange among seconds, fighters and managers, with fists flying from all angles.

Whereupon Leon L. Rains, Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission ordered all hands to stop "firing," instructed the referee to ignore the round by tossing it out and to proceed as if nothing had happened. He warned the contestants that the first one who committed a foul would be banned for life in Pennsylvania. The bout was resumed and Forte was awarded the decision. They fought nine rounds but officially, the bout was recorded as only an eight rounder.

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At the Coliseum of San Francisco at a show headlined by Pat Valentino and Francis Ogg, the referee of the semi-final bout was kayoed by one of the fighters. Larry Carter, breaking from a clinch, unleashed a terrific left that nailed Referee Jimmy Duffy flush on the chin and the third man in the ring went down for a count of six. He got up dazed, went through the remainder of the fight and gave Carter the verdict.

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At Salem on September 24, Buddy Hayes, Boston featherweight, stopped Joey Longo of Baltimore in the seventh round in a vicious battle. Longo refused to go on, protesting that the referee was partial. Police had to escort the battlers to their dressing room.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

LOCAL talent was the attraction in most of the California fights during the past month and the results have been most encouraging to the promoters. The turnstiles have clicked merrily and the fans have been witnessing some great scraps. Local matchmakers have featured a number of youngsters in recent weeks and it has been a stimulus to the game, as was predicted in this column a short time back.

Fabela Chavez and Alfredo Escobar turned them away at Hollywood; Escobar filled the Stadium with Speedy Cabanella; Chavez and Mario Trigo drew a large crowd to the Olympic; Jackie McCoy is breaking gate records at San Jose; Jerry McSwain figures to be the best card that San Diego has had in years; Tony Bosnich, Jess Flores, Tony Rodriguez and Tony Chavez, all youngsters, are among the best cards in the northern part of the state.

Fistically speaking, it looks like a good winter ahead for the "younger set", and there is little reason for any imported washed-up boxers to be among the tourists this season.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy dished up a treat for Los Angeles fans with the Enrique Bolanos-Joey Barnum 10-rounder at the Olympic. A packed house witnessed this local natural and it was even a better scrap than anticipated. Making his first fight on home grounds in over a year, Barnum started out as though he was going to give Bolanos a pasting and the flashy Mexican had to come from behind to cop a close decision.

Barnum was backing Bolanos up with left jabs and straight rights in the opening round, when all of a sudden the Mexican boy whipped over a left hook that put Joey in the resin for a 9-count, to win what had been a losing round. There were furious exchanges during the next five rounds in which Barnum forged ahead by copping three of the heats and kept the other two even by making Bolanos miss most of his best shots.

Barnum tired badly in the seventh and the fight took on an entirely different color. Bolanos speeded up, cleverly ducked and side-stepped Joey's leads, and countered with snappy hooks and hard rights to cop the next three rounds. They fought on even terms in the final heat, giving Enrique a one-round or two-point lead, thanks to that first round knockdown. Bolanos weighed 135, Barnum 138.

The semi between Jimmy Martin, 173, and Acey Hainsworth, 171, was halted in the second round and declared a technical draw because of an eye cut.

In the four-rounder Gene Simmons, 160, and Johnny Hunt, 161, fought a draw; Roland Spencer, 176, decisioned Jimmy Smith, 166; Carlton Perry, 200, outslugged Jack Glover, 206; Ernie Woods, 163, nodded Billy King, 154.

San Diego boxing fans have had a look at Jerry McSwain, handsome Los Angeles heavyweight, and they want to call him "son". McSwain made a tremendous hit in chilling Leroy Evans, Oakland Negro, in the 4th round of a fast fight at the Coliseum. Evans won the opening round with rights to the head, but was dazed during an exchange in the second heat. Jerry weakened the Negro giant with body blows in the third and felled him for the count with hard blows to the jaw in the fourth. McSwain weighed 187, Evans, 215.

In supporting bouts, Bob Shipman, San Diego Negro heavyweight, stopped Jess McGowen, Los Angeles, in the 5th round of the semi; Jimmy Smith, 166, Los Angeles, drew with Joe Music in six; Jeep O'Neal, 126, Oklahoma, bested Judy Ruba in four; Ishmael Hannefan decisioned Jorge Soliz in four.

The Ocean Park Arena has more of its main events ending by T.K.O.'s, or technical draws because of eye cuts than any other club in the state. (The reader is probably thinking "Get on with your job, Winkler, never mind the statistics.") So, we chronicle the T.K.O. win of Jimmy Coleman, 159, over Max Hutchins, 158, in the 4th round, due to an eye cut, of course. Coleman was leading at the time of the injury.

In remaining bouts, all four-rounders, Pee Wee Swingler, 125, speedy Los Angeles Negro southpaw, decisioned Ramon Alva, 129, San Antonio; Darnell Carter, 132, nodded Pelon Villa, 132; Henry Evaro, 117, bested Mexican Buddy Taylor, 119; Ishmael Hannefan, 144, copped the duke over Johnny Anders, 137; Red Terry, 158, defeated Jimmy Smith, 159.

It is a case of "When a feller needs a friend" with Don Lee, the Nebraska gamester. Don will fight anyone, anytime and under most any conditions, so, every time a cagey southpaw, a terrific puncher or a hard-to-match welter comes to Los Angeles—it is "get Lee". The most recent tough assignment to be handed Lee was Major Jones, clever Negro southpaw of Kansas City, who won handily over the former Cornhusker in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium.

Lee, as usual, bored in continually, but Jones was much too fast and smart for Don, who was not credited with a round, although some of the rounds were very close, mostly because Jones was merely "doin' just what comes naturally." In the rounds in which Major turned on the heat, he outclassed Lee and shook Don to his heels with hard left and right hooks. Jones weighed 147, Lee 148.

In the semi, Morris Corona, 145, won a close decision over Jimmy Shans, 142, in six hotly contested rounds.

Nick Diaz, 130, won over Bernardo Ramirez, 132, in six; Benny O'Neil, 127, copped the verdict over Earl Warren, 123, in four; Fidel Aguilar, 133, nodded Art Diaz, 135, in the opening four.

There is a club at Pico (a suburb of Los Angeles) which stages weekly programs of four-rounders, but the results of those fights have not been published in this column. This writer covers a more important show on the same night, and the L. A. newspapers do not run the results of the Pico fights. However, an arrangement has been made whereby I am to be furnished with the Pico results and details of the fights, so, they will be recorded in this column hereafter.

It is a dandy little club with a seating capacity of 4000. It was erected early this year. It is operated under the name of the Whittier Arena and George Leonard is the matchmaker.

Saturday night is not a fight night in Los Angeles, but give the boxing fans a real fistic attraction, even on a Monday morning, and they would probably go to it, instead of to work. It was on a Saturday evening that Jackie Wilson and John Thomas clashed at the Olympic in a benefit program for the Westview Hospital Fund, which attracted a crowd of 8,500 and a gross gate of $35,450.

The bout, a 12-rounder, and billed as for the California welterweight title, was won by Wilson on a very narrow margin. It was a fast action, cleverly fought affair all the way. Although most of the action was in close—Wilson's favorite dish—Thomas had much the best of these short-punching exchanges, as Jackie was not putting his full punching power in his blows. At the end of the eighth, this writer had Thomas ahead in five of the rounds, crediting Wilson with but two heats.

Wilson commenced punching hard in the ninth and copped the next three frames. Jackie really laid it on in the 11th, belting John all over the ring and having him on the verge of going down. At the finish, Yours Truly had tabbed five rounds to each boxer, with two even, but Jackie's smashing 11th round gave him a slight advantage. Wilson weighed 144, Thomas 141.

In supporting bouts, Jackie Byrd, 149, Arkansas, K.O.'ed Hugh Stell, 150, Kansas, in the second round of the semi; Richie Mendoza, 129, slugged Eddie Sangster, 130, in four; Al Lucey, 208, and Dale Hall, 188, slugged four heats to a draw; Mario Luna, 140, beat Al Gonzales, 135, in four; Eddie Warren, 123, chilled Alex Salazar, 125, in the third of the opener.

Frankie Augustain, Los Angeles Mexican, and Edgar Robinson, Phoenix (Ariz.) Negro, fought ten slow rounds to a draw at the San Diego Coliseum. The most excitement of the evening was the verbal battle that took place in the arena office. Two referees reported to work the show. Both were industrious. Augustain's manager objected to one of them, said his boxer would not fight if said referee officiated.

However, that referee did officiate and Augustain fought, in a fashion. The bout was drab and uninteresting, due to much mauling and clinching.

Other results; Chick Musgrove was given a draw with Billy King in a six-round semi; Irvin Steen T.K.O.'ed Patsy Burg in the fifth; Joe Silva nodded Ishmael Hannefan in four; Red Terry beat Pat Carter in four.

Ben Evans, 144, Tulsa, Okla., won a close decision over Al Robinson, 142, Fresno Negro, in an interesting 10-rounder at that city. Evans built up his lead with a busy infighting attack. Robinson scored with hard punches at long range, but could not keep the tough Oklahoman from getting in close, where Evans whaled away with short hooks and upper-cuts. The Fresnoan belabored Evans with heavy blows in the 5th and 8th rounds, but could not force Ben to give ground. Evans was tabbed winner by two points.

All four supporting bouts ended by the kayo route. Francis Ogg, 176, Sacramento, flattened Preston Hodges, 177, (2); Erskine Howell, 151, Fresno, stopped Chris Vergas, 135, San Francisco, (3); Ward Jenkins, 146, San Francisco, belted out Frankie Carillo, 143, Hanford, (1); Nick Vovitch, 133, San Francisco, disposed of Julian Carillo, 130, Fresno, (3).

In a rematch that was closer, but much less exciting, Alfredo Escobar won the 10-round decision over Speedy Cabanella, at the Hollywood Stadium. Although both were shaken up a number of times, neither punched as solidly as in their first encounter. Cabanella's handlers claimed that he went into the fight with a bad left hand and Speedy's light hitting with that maulie verified their alibi. And without his explosive left hook, the Filipino is practically unarmed.

When Cabanella put on his spurts he hurt Escobar with lefts to the body and rights to the head, but Speedy tired quickly from the effort. The Filipino champ also seems to have lost much of his fire. Escobar too, tired noticeably in the late rounds, but he fought back to maintain the lead. This recorder credited Alfredo with five rounds, Speedy with three, with two even. Escobar weighed 126, Cabanella, 123.

In the semi, Titus Hawkins, 173, San Diego, won by T.KO. over Roman Starr, 170, Oklahoma, in the fourth, when for the 'steenth time, one of Starr's eye cuts was ripped open. Hawkins was ahead at the time the usual thing happened.

In the four-rounders, Wilfred Scott, 140, decisioned Wallace Batie, 142; Bernardo Ramirez, 133, drew with Darnell Carter, 136; Les Arterbridge, 165, decisioned Dick Ritchie, 164; Jeep O'Neal, 126, stopped Phil Williams, 124, in the third round of the opener.

Eddie Prince, 136, Detroit Negro, tossed too much leather for Baby Breese, 136, Manhattan Kan., vet, in a 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Breese's only chance of beating speedy Prince was to park his potent right on the Detroiter's chin, and Eddie was too fast for that to happen.

In other bouts, Chico Garces, 125, defeated Pete Louis, 125, in the five-round semi; Al Lucey, 218, drew with Tommy Jesson, 187, in four; Les Arterbridge, 161, and Marshall Nance, 164, also went to a draw; Eddie Warren, 123, nodded Bee Jiminez, 120, in four; Ray Lewis, 142, and Ray Thomas, 146, ended in a dead heat.

There are too few men who can really teach boxing, so, it is good to see some of these capable fellows working with youngsters in the gym these days. Whereas there were but three or four of these instructors on the gym floor a few months ago, there are now a dozen of them coaching beginners. Among them are Young Peter Jackson, George Latka and Leon Zorrita, three of the cleverest boxers ever developed in these parts. Archie Grant and Joe Rhodes are two others who know their stuff.

Dario Barron, 136, Los Angeles Mexican, and Darnell Carter, 134, Texas Negro, fought four rounds to a draw at the Whittier Arena.

In the six supporting bouts, Chuck Cureton, 140, iced Wallace Batie, 146, in the third; Len Marquez, 126, decisioned Phil Williams, 124, in four; Jess Hall, 184, K.O.'ed Joe Ricia, 187, in round one; Frank Taylor, 180, disposed of Richard Van Zant, 178, in the opening heat; Ralph Lee, 161, defeated Jimmy Knox, 164, in a four; Benny O'Neil, 132, nodded B. Washburn, 128, in four.

For two rounds, Mario Trigo of San Antonio, a 6-to-1 underdog, had the short-end takers happy during his fight with Fabela Chavez, at the Los Angeles Olympic. Trigo copped those first two heats and it appeared that "upsets" were still in vogue. But Chavez had figured out the style of the handsome Texan by the third and took over from then on. Fabela was too fast and shifty for Mario.

Trigo tried so hard for a knockout in the earlier rounds, that the lost motion slowed him to a walk at the halfway point and he was punched about badly in the 6th and 7th rounds, during which he was dropped for a 1-count with a left to the body. However, Mario mustered up the fire and stamina to exchange punches with Fabela all during the final round to put an exciting finish to what had been a lively contest. A large crowd turned out to see these two colorful youngsters in their first Olympic main event. Each weighed 130½.

In the six-round semi, Emory Jackson, 160, came up from a knockdown in the second heat, to cop a close decision over Henry Rich, 163.

Results of the prelims: Pee Wee Swingler, 125, surprised in stopping Ramon Alva, 129, in the third. Alva was more "indisposed" than "out". Bill McClure, 195, T.K.O.'ed Hardy Williams, 209, in three; Jess Hall, 186, chilled Bill Brown, 185, in one heat; Red Terry, 159, finished Jimmy Burke, 154, in the fourth.

In the first fight staged in the Bull Ring at Tijuana, Mex., in ten years, Enrique Bolanos, 134, Los Angeles, knocked out Joey Pirrone, 135, Cleveland, in the second round of a scheduled 15-rounder. Pirrone landed a solid right to the head to shake Bolanos to his toes in the first heat, but Enrique jabbed and hooked Joey's face to a nice red before the round was over. A sharp right to the jaw finished the Clevelander. Bolanos' speed and class made a terrific hit with his countrymen.

In three supporting bouts, Mike Rubi of Mexico, was awarded a lucky draw with Jimmy Shans, Los Angeles Negro, in eight; Bernardo Ramirez, Los Angeles, defeated Vic Jade, Cleve-

land, in six; Torito Ramos, San Diego, nodded Johnny Ramirez, Los Angeles, in four.

Most of you readers were little boys when Jack Chase started his ring career in Colorado, but he is still fighting and still has too much on the ball for most of the middleweights. His most recent victim was Jimmy Coleman, who Chase had little trouble outpointing in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. However, Coleman was not alone in his unhappiness, as the bout was so dull that many of the customers left before it was over.

In the semi, Reecy Davis, 149, won by T.K.O. over Bob Castro, 151, in the 5th round, due to an eye cut. Although floored for an 8-count in the second heat, Castro was leading on points at the time the bout was halted.

In the four-rounders, Wilford Scott, 139, K.O.'ed Wallace Batie, 141, in the third; Spencer Coleman, 155, whipped Malcolm Smith, 156; Clyde Coyhis, 144, beat Joe Moore, 143; Henry Evaro, 117, nodded Freddie Hernandez, 119.

Jeep O'Neal, 126, Oklahoma City, decisioned Ruperto Garcia, 130, Mexico, in the four-round feature at the Whittier Arena.

In the six other four-rounders, Ernie Woods, 160, iced Sparky Gomez, 160, in the opening heat; Benny O'Neil, 131, beat Frankie Martinez, 131; Sal Palacious, 116, decisioned Freddie Hernandez, 120; Shorty Padilla, 161, nodded Al Williams, 158; Ray Thomas, 142, K.O.'ed Billy Sierra, 140, in the first; Johnny Anders, 138, defeated Ray Lewis, 140.

The Jackie McCoy-Speedy Cabanella rematch, promoted by Jimmy Fitten at San Jose, grossed $6,400, the second largest gate in that city's history. However, successful boxing promotion is nothing new to Fitten. Jimmy is the young man who went to Mexico City about twenty years ago to promote boxing at a time when the average Mexican knew as little about boxing as the average Icelander knew about bull-fighting, and an everyday cock-fight would outdraw any boxing contest.

After years of hard work, Fitten made the Mexican capital one of the boxing centers of this continent. He staged many matches of international interest. A number of our world champions fought at his arena. He started and developed most of the good fighters to come out of Mexico. San Jose is fortunate in having Jimmy Fitten as their promoter.

Relative to the above mentioned McCoy-Cabanella contest. The newspapers proclaimed it the greatest fight seen in San Jose in many years.

Harold Dade, 126, flashy little Negro of Chicago, decisioned Juan Leanos, 130, Mexico, in a 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. The bout was not an interesting one, for, although both are colorful scrappers, their styles would not jell.

In the other bouts, all four-rounders, Dario Barron, 134, and Darnell Carter, 132, went to a draw; Chico Garces, 127, and Pete Louis, 128, also tied; Len Marquez, 126, decisioned Ramiro Lopez, 128; Billy King, 160, nodded Ernie Woods, 163; Phil Williams, 123, copped the duke over Freddie Hernandez, 120.

Ben Evans, 144, Tulsa, Okla., repeated his win over Al Robinson, 144, Fresno Negro, in their 10-round rematch at Fresno. And a return performance of East Lynn at the Opera House couldn't have followed the script any closer. It was an exact duplicate of their first meeting. Evans forced the milling, scored his points in close, while Robinson landed fewer, but harder punches at long range. And the fight was just as close as the first one.

Other results: Francis Ogg, 176, Sacramento, won an uninteresting semi over Eddie Keller, 179, San Francisco, (6); George Smith, 154, Fresno, stopped Billy Harrison, 150, San Francisco, (3); Erskine Howell, 149, Fresno, bested Ward Jenkins, 151, San Francisco, (4); Gil Gonzales, 128, and Gil Mendoza, 126, did their act, with the same result—Gonzales winning, this time in the third.

Many of our referees are getting more attention than the featured boxers, but they play the part of "villain" to get it. Referee Billy McMullen is the name in this one. In stopping a bout just after the bell had ended the round, without examining the fighter, or waiting to see what the rest period might do for the boxer, the ref drew the wrath of the crowd.

Julio Franco, 138, Bakersfield, had held his own for four rounds with Eddie Hudson, 136, San Francisco Negro, at the San Diego Coliseum. Hudson decked Franco in the fifth and when Julio arose in a groggy condition, Eddie gave him a lacing for the balance of the round. The bell rang. McMullen immediately raised Hudson's hand. Franco's handlers protested and the fans booed lustily, but the referee had spoken!

In the prelims, Irvin Steen K.O.'ed Jorge Soliz in the fifth; Ray McBridge disposed of Willie Mitchell in the first round; Judy Ruba stopped Luis Renteria in two; Flash Gordon decisioned Reyes Madero in four. A bout between Buddy Taylor and Punchy O'Hara was halted in the third and declared "no contest". The referee claimed O'Hara wasn't trying.

The old adage of "A good big man can always beat a good little man" proved true in the go between Johnny Haynes, Negro behemoth of Los Angeles, and Rusty Payne, San Diego Negro. Both are terrific belters, but Haynes was a half foot taller and outweighed Payne by forty pounds, so, Johnny was the survivor of this short, but exciting punchfest, staged at the Olympic.

Haynes put Rusty down for an 8-count with a right to the jaw in the first round. John again floored the San Diegoan with another right early in the second, but Rusty came off the canvas with fists flying and twice staggered Haynes before the gong ended the belting spree. They were mixing it on even terms in the third when the big one nailed the little one with a terrific hook on the jaw, and the little one was counted out. Haynes weighed 223, Payne 182.

In the semi, Jas. J. (Junior) Washington, 165, decisioned Billy Mitchell, 164, in six. Mitchell decked Junior for 8 in the second frame, but was handed a shellacking in the 3rd and 4th, and was too fagged out to fight back in the final two heats.

In remaining bouts, Johnny Gardea, 165, disposed of Marshall Nance, 163, in the third; Jack Glover, 210, stopped Austin O'Jibway, 212, in the fourth; Billy King, 157, shaded Jay Wall, 155, in a four; Eddie Warren, 125, nodded Alex Salazar, 126.

Richie Mendoza, 131, colorful little scrapper of Santa Monica, defeated Romero Gagnon, 133, Mexico, in the four-round main event at Whittier Arena, Pico.

Other results, all four-rounders: Henry Evaro, 117, decisioned Tony Ramirez, 119; Les Arterbridge, 162, drew with George Stamos, 156; Joe Moore, 147, beat Benny Ray, 151; Jimmy Smith, 162, defeated Billy De La Torres, 159; Carlos Garcia, 146, won by T.K.O. over Bob O'Fallon, 143, due to an eye cut; Pelon Villa, 133, nodded Ray Parker, 129.

Frankie Moore, Oakland Negro, proved in his rematch with Bobby Yaeger at the Hollywood Stadium, that his K.O. victory over the Negro boxer at Oakland was no fluke. Moore repeated the stunt on the Los Angeles boy in the 5th round in the Movie City ring. And Frankie did it so handily that all present were convinced that it will happen every time they meet. Bobby proved a sucker for Moore's potent right.

Yaeger was floored twice for counts of 6 and 7 in the opening round, and for an 8-count in the second. Bobby remained perpendicular to shade Moore in the third, but was decked for 9 in the fourth. The fifth round had hardly started when the Oaklander flattened Bobby for the full count. Moore weighed 135, Yaeger 137.

Al Erwin, 137, Minneapolis Jewish southpaw, found Julio Franco, 138, Bakersfield, an easy target for his damaging left hooks. Al floored the Mexican boxer in three consecutive rounds, to win by a T.K.O. in the 6th at the Ocean Park Arena. Franco was knocked down in the 4th, 5th and 6th, the go being halted when he arose at the count of 9 in a groggy condition.

In the prelims: Al Lucey, 215, drew with Tommy Jesson, 188, in four; Dallas Sessions, 152, decisioned Red Terry, 159, in four; Bob Scott, 201, iced Joe Ricia, 181, in the first; Clyde Coyhis, 148, stopped Ben Grundy, 146, in round one; Johnny Anders, 139, and Al Sandoval, 137, fought to a draw.

Lacking his former fighting spirit, minus punching power and way off in his timing, Little Giant was handed another loss at San Diego Coliseum, the ring in which he had rung up a dozen victories. Ramon Alva of San Antonio was the one to hand the Giant his third straight lacing, proving that he is now in the class with the old grey mare. It went the ten heats, but on a number of occasions looked as though it wouldn't.

Alva dumped Giant for a 9-count in the 8th, for 6 in the 10th, and hurt the Negro midget with body blows in the 3rd and 6th rounds. Making Giant miss badly, Ramon countered with upper-cuts and overhand rights. Alva weighed 126, Giant 127.

Other results: Francis Ogg, 170, stopped Bernie Cardenas, in the fifth; Ralph Lee, 160, K.O.'ed Benny Ray in two; Ray McBride chilled Grover Neal in the second; Ishmael Hannefan decisioned Cowboy Provencio in four.

Publicized grudge fights rarely live up to expectations, but the widely rumored ill feeling between Bobby Zander and Watson Jones was unloosed in all its fury in their 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Zander won the unanimous decision in this furious encounter, but he had to punch hard and often to do it. Jones was credited with but two rounds, but Watson was in condition and in the fight all the way.

Zander, a heavy hitter, shook Jones up numerous times, but could not put him off his feet. In a display of contempt for Zander's punching powers, Watson twice dropped his guard, left his face exposed and allowed the Texan to take pot shots at his jaw. Jones sneered at his foe when Bobby could not fell him with these blows. Zander weighed 172, Jones 170.

In the semi, Freddie Beshore, 190, rugged blond of New England, bested Carlton Perry, 195, Los Angeles Negro, in six.

In the four-rounders, Johnny Gardea, 162, decisioned Johnny Hunt, 158; Chuck Cureton, 136, defeated Darnell Carter, 133; Vince Padilla, 128, nodded Ramiro Lopez, 129; Charles Salas, 143, whipped Ray Thomas, 142.

Jas. J. (Junior) Washington, 165, San Diego Negro southpaw, won by T.K.O. over Louie Wise, 162, Los Angeles Negro, in the 7th round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Washington floored Wise for a 9-count in the 3rd with a left hook, and cut Louie's right eye with the same punch in the 5th. When the gash was re-opened in the 7th, the bout was stopped and awarded to the San Diegoan.

In the remaining bouts, Jack Glover, 206, decisioned Al Lucey, 209, in the four-round semi; Bee Jiminez, 120, nodded Henry Evaro, 116, in four; Leonard Marquez, 128, beat Sid Hitchins, 127, in four; Bob Scott, 205, stopped Frank Taylor, 185, in the third; Howard Todome, 162, won over Dallas Sessions, 159.

Outside of weight, reach, height and boxing ability, Gene Felton, Los Angeles Negro heavyweight, didn't have much on Kid Hermosillo of Mexico, in a 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. However, that was plenty. The Mexican proved a thorough gamester and stuck around until the 9th heat, in spite of having taken a terrific beating all the way. Felton staggered the Kid in the 7th, felled him for 4 in the 8th and dropped him again in the 9th, at which the one-sided go was stopped.

In another 10-rounder, Chino Carvajal, Tijuana, Mex., and Gil Napier of San Diego, boxed a draw. It was an uninteresting bout.

Chick Musgrove defeated Flash Gordon in six; Ishmael Hannefan K.O.'ed Limey Paltridge in two.

This writer has no photos of boxers to mail out, or the time to write out the records of boxers or a list of Coast promoters. (THE RING Record Book contains all this information). However, I will gladly furnish any desired information on the local boxing situation to any manager or boxer contemplating a trip to California. Kindly enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope in your letter. Address to Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By C. W. STEELE

BOSTON'S Billy Tordiglione stopped Al Evans, Rhode Island, at the Halifax Arena in the second round. The Commission Secretary, Noble Driscoll, produced a sworn statement of Judge Ettinger that neither Tordiglione nor Evans made an honest attempt at fighting and consequently the bout was declared "no contest." Secretary Driscoll declared that similar statements had been obtained from Judge Arnott and Referee McKenna. The Commission confiscated the purses of Bill Tordiglione and Al Evans, which were approximately $1100.

Doug Carter, Newark, N. J., removed all doubts as to his superiority over Joey Peralta, Mexico City, when he hammered the heavy muscled Mexican most of the way to gain the unanimous ten rounds decision at the Glace Bay Forum. This was Carter's second decision over Peralta within a month.

Tommy Spencer, New Waterford welter, scored a K.O. over Walter Quine, Saint John, in the sixth round of the semi-final. Young Ashade, Glace Bay, gained a close decision over Duke Hood, Saint John, N. B., and Hugh McEachen iced Kid Boutilier in the curtain raiser.

Moncton's Bill Landry stopped Tommy Northup, Saint John, in the fifth round at the Saint John Forum. They are light-heavyweights.

Walter Quine, Saint John, decisioned Courtney Graham, Puerto Rico, in the semi-windup. They are welterweights.

Frankie Fortune decisioned Herman Thompson in a heavyweight scrap, and Duke Hood decisioned Buddy Jones.

Kid Howard, Halifax feather, stopped Percy Paris, New Glasgow, in the third at the New Glasgow Arena.

Pictou County middleweights Kid Borden and Freddy Stewart met in the scheduled six-round semi-final. Borden was counted out in the third. In the prelims, Sheldon Campbell drew with Eddy Hale. The curtain raiser was a battle royal with five fighters slugging each other in a merry battle. Kid Borden was erect at the finish and was declared the winner.

Benny Woods, Saint John, decisioned Leo Methot, Montreal, in a bristling ten-round bout at the Saint John Forum. Methot, seeking revenge for his K.O. by Woods in a previous encounter, could not match the pace set by the hard-hitting Woods.

Bill Landry, Moncton, chilled Courtney Graham, Puerto Rico, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Duke Hood decisioned Sailor McKinnon, and the Herman Thompson and Buddy Simms bout was "no contest."

New Glasgow promoters are not helping the game any by featuring preliminary boxers in main attractions . . . . Floyd Hogan, Saint John, is the best looking prospect in the Maritimes, along with Young Ashade and George Ross, the West Boy Wildcat . . . . Amateur and pro boxers in the Maritimes, contact the writer if you are seeking action.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

WITH the outdoor season completed, a successful one on most fronts, the indoor promoters have opened their doors. Some of the outdoor promoters held out to the very last when it became far too chilly to draw the customers out any more. Jimmy "Gaspipe" Vaccola drew 2200 shivering customers out for his second showing of Rocky Progano and Frankie Pucci in Norwalk before calling it quits. Gus Browne has moved into the Hartford Auditorium, while Nat Rich has reopened the Stanley Arena in New Britain. George Sheppard and Charley Brown hold down the helm in New Haven, where they ran shows all summer long. Joe Esposito is planning weekly shows in New London instead of bi-weekly. Pete Montesi, World War II hero, is running bi-weekly shows in Danbury. Bobby Melnick has brought Bridgeport back into the fistic circles.

New Haven Arena—Tomas Beato, dynamic-punching San Domingo featherweight, pulled victory out of defeat when he exploded his right against the chin of Joey Iannotti, New Haven, in the ninth round to stop his man. Frank Vigeant, 145, Waterbury, had too much on the ball for Esker Mosely, 145, New York, and stopped him in the fourth heat. Dino Belita, 133, Canton, O., triumphed over Jimmy McLarnin, 136, New Bedford, in six. Johnny Corbett, 150, Branford, knocked out Louis James, 148, Newark, in one round. Al Headley, 130, New York, scored a four-round decision over Geruldo Gonsalvo, 134.

Hartford Auditorium Outdoor Arena—Bobby Pryor, 152½, Springfield Negro, scored an upset by spilling George Red Doty, 154, Hartford, nine times before stopping him in the fifth round. Tony Falso, 146½, Middletown, was knocked out in the second round by Jimmy Hill, 154, Philadelphia Negro, after having his man on the floor in the first round. After having their feature bout stopped the previous week and declared "no contest," Georgie Martin, 148, Boston, and Pat Giordano, 150½, Montreal, were allowed to vindicate themselves by fighting the remaining six rounds before they would be paid. Martin was given the decision. Johnny Parker, 142, Springfield Negro, surprised by belting out Earl Caddick, 143, Bristol, in the first round. Whitey Cozey, 156½, New Britain, whipped Bat Stroud, 160, Hartford Negro, in a bristling six-rounder. Enos Tebo, 124½, Omaha, Neb., won a close decision over Don Quinn, 122, Hartford, in the opener.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Rocky Progano, 124, Stamford, edged out Frankie Pucci, 119, Paterson, N. J., in the ten-round feature. After a slow start of two rounds of infighting the boys opened up and fought a slashing battle. Aurelio Vasquez, 140, Mexico, proved too experienced for Tony Pignatore, 140, Norwalk, in the six-round semi-final. Billy Bueford, 175, Des Moines, stopped LeRoy McQueen, 168, New York, in the final heat of a six. Jimmy Henderson, 158, New York, and Johnny Lomax, 158, Pittsfield, staged an interesting six-round draw. Henry Victoria, 160, Bridgeport, kayoed Connie DeSanto, 158, Bridgeport, in 2.

Waterbury: Municipal Stadium—Jose Aponte Torres, aggressive bolo-punching Puerto Rican scrapper, survived a second-round knockdown and went on to outpoint rugged Steve Kronis, Boston Greek featherweight, in a bruising ten-round battle. Billy Brown, 160, Manchester, gained a decision over Kenny James, 155, Waterbury Negro, in the six-round semi-final. Earl Caddick, 145, Bristol, stopped Ferdie Balesano, 145, Hartford, in the first round. Johnny Bell, 138, New Britain, outboxed Al Silverman, 138, New York, in another six. Whitey Cozey, 158, New Britain, stopped Johnny Lizak, 158, Springfield, in round three of the curtain raiser.

New Haven Arena—Billy Walker, 160, Portland, Ore., pulled a 5 to 1 upset by decisioning the kayo king, Charley K.O. Chaney, 164, Baltimore, after eight rounds. Walker proved too able and game for the hard-hitting Chaney who was trying to the final bell to score a knockout. Tom Collins, 150, New Haven Negro, fought a dull eight-round draw in the semi-final with Eddie Alzek, 144, New York veteran. Tony Ross, Detroit, who lost his leg in the war, put on an exhibition with Ray Ranson, Tampa, Fla., boxing four two-minute rounds. Johnny Corbett, 150, Branford, stopped Bill Miller, 150, New York, in one round. Pete Franco, 135, Newark, stopped an outclassed Danny Dolan, 136, Bridgeport.

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Hartford Auditorium Outdoor Arena—Willie Pep, 129½, Hartford's own, and world's featherweight champion, enjoyed a three-round workout at the expense of Lefty LaChance, 136, Lewiston, Me., whom he stopped after having him on the floor five times. It was Pep's first hometown appearance in about a year. George Dunn, 130, Hartford Negro, won the eight-round semi-final over the light hitting George Knox, 125½, Elizabeth, N. J., Negro. Tommy Ciarlo, 145, Waterbury, was awarded a close eight-round decision over Frankie Ross, 150, Boston, in a bristling bout. Tommy Murray, 134½, Montreal, scored over Jimmy McLarnin, 135, New Bedford, in a closely fought sixer. Enos Tebo, 123½, Omaha, Neb., repeated over Don Quinn, 126, Hartford, while Tony Terry, 128½, Manchester, dropped Petey Vines, 131½, Hartford, twice to get the decision in the opener.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Lee Q. Murray, 210, Norwalk, stopped Earl Lowman, 214, St. Louis, in the third of a bruising battle. It was bruising, but Lowman received them all. He was helpless on the ropes when Referee Jigger McCarthy called a halt. Billy Boyd, 158, New York, took the six-round semi-final from Johnny Rice, 165, Stamford Negro. Low blows cost Rice the duke. Carl Stein, 140, New York, halted Orlando Patino, 145, Puerto Rico, in one round. Jim Brownley, 188, Bridgeport, kayoed Charles Moore, 182, New York, in the second round. Angelo "Cook-up" Vento, 147, Westport, won over Johnny Holmes, 142, New York, in four rounds.

Bridgeport—George Greytak, 143, Bridgeport, gained a four-round technical knockout over Paul "Country" Fergusen, 145, Greensboro, N. C., after dropping his man six times with body blows. Dennis McCabe, 143, Yonkers, was held to a draw by Bill Burton, 143, Newark, in the six-round semi-final. Henry Victoria, 160, Bridgeport, and Al Russo, 160, New York, also battled to a sizzling draw in six rounds. Bill Ambrun, 183, Steve Smith's protege of Bridgeport, also got a draw in his bout with Leo Gallon, 179, New York, in four rounds. Pete Diez, 152, New York, outpointed Art Sheppard, 156, Raleigh, N. C., in four rounds. Dixie Kid, 156, Atlanta, Ga., stopped Joe Guarino, 152, Springdale, in three heats.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Melio Bettina, 188, former light-heavyweight champion from Beacon, N. Y., outpointed Eldridge Eatman, 195, Norwalk, by a wide margin in ten rounds. Bettina fought the final rounds with the handicap of a cut that bled profusely. Baby Beau, 142, Augusta, Ga., surprised by kayoing Tony Pignatore, 140, Norwalk, during an exchange in the first round. Art Tatta, 148, New Haven, clipped Harry Gary, 158, Oklahoma Indian, to score a first-round knockout. Billy Bueford, 175, New York, won a four-round decision over Jack Coley, 175, New York, in the only undercard bout to go the distance. Gene Evans, 145, Stamford, scored the other kayo by dropping Robert Baxter, 151, New York, for the count in the opening round.

Hartford Auditorium Outdoor Arena—Charley "Cabey" Lewis, 131, New York, proved just a little too sharp for rugged Nick Stato, 133, Springfield Greek, in the main event of ten rounds. Lewis had a big fifth round, dropping the little Greek twice. In the six-round semi-final, Eddie Ahearn, 160, New York, had too much sting in his right hand for Whitey Cozey, 156, New Britain, and came off with the decision. Lee Jackson, 194, New Britain Negro, got a third-round kayo over Tom Thomas, 189, New York. Another New Britainite, Johnny Bell, 141, stopped Lew Jackson, 138, New Haven Negro, in the fourth round. Tony Ferrara, 129, Brooklyn, went to a six-round draw with Joey Dell, 130, New Haven, in the opener.

Bridgeport: Knights of Columbus Hall—Jimmy Anest, 141, New York, took a close eight-round decision from Tommy Mills, 141, New York. Anest worked nicely inside to take the last three rounds and the decision. Lou Castrillo, 129, New York, took a decision over Ernie Parker, 130, New York, in a pleasing six-round semi-final. Bobby Robbins, 125, New York, and Mike Tarrantino, 121, New York, battled four furious rounds with Robbins getting the duke. Jimmy Savarese, 201, New York, kayoed George Jackson, 182, New York, in the first round.

New Haven Arena—Dennis "Pat" Brady, 129½, New York, outpointed Filberto Osario, 125½, Puerto Rico, in the feature eight-rounder. Osario was on the offensive most of the fight, but Brady countered well to win the fight. Mickey Williams, 138, New Haven, won by a decision from Charley Grant, 139, New York, in six rounds. Dino Belita, 135, Canton, O., outpointed Lou Daniels, 132, New York, in another six. Eddie Ahearn, 152½, New York, decisioned Henry Victoria, 160, Bridgeport, in six rounds. Johnny Corbett, 148, Branford, won by a knockout over Al Mazza, 145, New York, in the fourth.

New Britain: Stanley Arena—Pat Byers, 148, Kannapolis, N. C., Negro, uncorked a right to the jaw to flatten Milton Lattimer, 152, Beacon, N. Y., Negro, in the third round. Lattimer had been dropped once before the knockout blow. Walter Chartier, 158, Bridgeport, got the decision over Jimmy Green, 157, New York Negro, in the six-round semi-final. Dennis McCabe, 141, New York, decisioned Honeyboy Villa, 141, Pittsburgh, in another six-rounder. Two semi-pro bouts opened up the card.

Stamford: Mitchell Field—Before the war Mickey Donohue was a good pleasing prospect in the welterweight ranks. Mickey is still popular although his fighting days are over because of injuries in the Normandy campaign. Tin Can Romanelli, former boxer, and Homer Foglio, likeable Stamford manager, put on a benefit show for Mickey. Tony Vero, 151½, Stamford, headed the card by knocking out Tiger Roy Williams, 157, New Haven, in the second of a six-rounder. Joe Bennett, 150, New York Negro, was awarded a TKO over LeRoy Haines, 145, New York, in the fourth round because of cut eyes. Freddie Coppola, 136, Stamford, kayoed Paulie Peters, 141, New York, in the second round. Dennis McCabe, 136½, New York, stopped Lou Jones, 137, New Haven, in the second round of another six. Tiger Ted Lowry, 173, New Bedford, and Tony Gillo, 170, New Haven, boxed a six-round exhibition. Joe Guarino, 136½, Stamford, stopped Gus Cherry, 132, New Haven, in the first of a four, while in the other Danny Sileo, 128½, Stamford, kayoed Tony Giamo, 124, New Haven, in the first round.

Danbury State Armory—Earl "Red" Caddick, 144, Bristol, made a big hit in holding Al Fredda, 142, New York, to a draw in the six-round pro bout heading a card of semi-pros. Most of the way the boys stood toe-to-toe and slugged it out. Caddick had an edge in the early rounds, but tired at the close to allow the crouching Fredda to even up the battle. About 800 witnessed Pete Montesi's initial showing of the season. He plans bi-weekly shows.

Hartford Auditorium—Johnny Cesario, 142½, Cambridge, Mass., and Hartford, thumped out a lop-sided win over Bobby Pryor, 147, Springfield Negro, in the ten-round main event. Pryor was on the deck twice, once in the fourth and again in the eighth, both from body blows. Freddy Polowitzer, 136½, East Hartford, slugged his way to a draw with Johnny Parker, 138, Springfield Negro, in a six-rounder. Henry Polowitzer, 136½, East Hartford, also received a draw for his efforts against a tiring Blaine Macomber, 142, Springfield, in another six. Tony Gillo, 176, New Haven, surprised by pounding out a six-round win over Ernie Griffin, 171, Hartford Negro. In the curtain raiser of four rounds, Billy Kowal, 158, Southington, returned to the wars to stop Jackie Paris, 164, New Haven, in the second.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Rocky Progano, 124, Stamford, scored a decisive victory over Frankie Pucci, 120, Paterson, N. J., in a rough bout that failed to equal their first torrid meeting. They battled nine rounds to a decision. Carl Stein, 142, New York, and Georgie Humes, 145, Hartford, battled to a savage draw in six rounds. Jimmy Davis, 154, New York Negro, knocked out Johnny Kish, 158, Binghamton, N. Y., in the second. Walter Campbell, 175, Stamford, dropped Dom Fisher, 178, Shelton, for keeps in three. Leon Sawyer, 140, New York, did a quick job on Gene Evans, 140, Norwalk, in the first round of the opener.

New Haven Arena—Natie Mann, 186, New Haven, repeated over John Thomas, 193, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Negro, by taking the ten-round decision. It was a good fight all the way, with Mann's heavy body blows slowing down the dancing Negro to a walk. Mickey Williams, 138, New Haven, decisioned Eddie O'Tash, 137, Bridgeport, in the six-round semi-final. George Fuller, 194, Bridgeport Negro, whipped Big Ben Benware, 225, New London, in another six. Billy Brown, 159, Manchester, looked good whipping Johnny Jones, 159, Philadelphia, in six heats. Billy Griffith, 138, Beacon, N. Y., decisioned Young Andrews, 137, New Haven, in four rounds.

New Britain: Stanley Arena—Ivan Christie, 140, British West Indies, knocked out Billy Terry, 138½, Washington, D. C., in the fourth round. Christie proved too strong for the classy Terry, dropping him three times in the fourth heat before the referee intervened. Dave Carver, 168, New York Negro, pounded out a well-earned decision over Whitey Cozey, 161, New Britain, in a six-round duel. In another six, Leroy Haines, 143, New York Negro, was awarded an unpopular decision over Johnny Bell, 140, New Britain, in a six-rounder. Johnny Frazetta is the manager of the New Britain boys. Two semi-pro bouts opened up the card.

Hartford Auditorium—Nick Stato, 132, rugged little Greek from Springfield, once more failed to come up victorious when he failed to beat Lou Alter, 128, Montreal cutie. The pair battled to a good draw. Stato had compiled a long list of wins before meeting defeat by Charley Cabey Lewis here a couple of weeks previously. George Dunn, 131, Hartford Negro, looked impressive in stopping Jeff Halloway, 133, New York Negro, in the sixth of the eight-round semi-final. Billy Kowal, 158, Southington, was awarded a disputed six-round duke over Floyd "Bat" Stroud, 160, Hartford Negro. Joe Monteiro, 130, Wareham, Mass., stopped aging Johnny Compo, 132, New Haven, in the second round of a six. Henry Polowitzer, 133, East Hartford, won a four-round decision over Al Harris, 131½, New York Negro.

There is plenty of work in this section for boys who can fight. Unattached fighters are asked to contact the writer, Don Hamill, 250 Saybrooke Street, Hartford, Conn. At present the writer is managing Joe Monteiro, 128, and Enos Tebo, 123, and both are winning regularly. Adios until next month.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

NEW BEDFORD (Sargent Field)—More than 7,000 veterans and their friends were admitted free to an all-star boxing program, in which Al Costa, 148, Woonsocket, R. I., scored a split decision in 10 rounds over tough Jerry Boisvert, 158, Lewiston, Maine.

In the 8-round semi-final, Frankie Conti, 140, Haverhill, decisioned "Panama" Jack Renault, 133, Panama, in a hard-fought bout. Al Pinel, 155, New Bedford favorite, lost the 6-round nod to Irish Johnny Taylor, 150, Oakland, Cal. Walter Gomes, 142, New Bedford, flattened Tony Prince, 141, Lewiston, Maine, in the speedy time of 12 seconds. Gomes has a 13 second knockout to his credit, an unusual feat for a prelim boy. Bill Daly, 154, Brookline, decisioned Bob Burton, 150, Providence, 4.

Salem—Joe Blackwood, 160, rising fighter of Paterson, N. J., knocked out Tommy Bland, 162, veteran of Toronto, in the 4th. George Cassista, 177, Danvers, beat Soldier Montoya, 173, Portland, Me., 6.

Manchester, N. H.—Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 133, Havana, Cuba, won the 10-round decision over New England lightweight champion Florient Desmarais, 132, this city. Leon Jackson, 126, Boston, won in the fifth when the referee disqualified George Renault, 130, Lowell. Edward Evans, Boston, knocked out Ed Gonzales, 178, Wareham, 2. Freddie Gilbo, 125, Lowell, kayoed Tony Roache, 121, Boston, 2. George Larkin, 130, Lowell, kayoed George Dresser, 123, Boston, 2.

Fall River—Francis Leonard, 131, Taunton, now in the midst of a successful comeback, added the name of Fred Burke, 131, Negro, of New York, in 10 rounds. Frankie Ross, 151, Boston, outpointed Irish Johnny Taylor, 150, Oakland, Cal., 8.

Waterville, Me.—Jerry Boisvert, 157, Lewiston, kayoed Dom Sinibaldi, 156, Berlin, N. H., in the fourth frame.

Boston Garden—Dave Andrews, 144½, of Lowell, won a split 12-round decision over Georgie Martin, 145½, Boston, to win the New England welterweight title. This is the second title to change in a week's time. Martin, although sporting 2 cuts over the eyes, came along strong in the closing chapters and most Boston sportswriters thought Martin had the edge.

Al Smith, Negro, 128½, Boston, outpointed rugged Steve Kronis, 126½, Boston, 8 rounds. Buddy Brown, 155, Boston, TKO'ed Lindy Norcella, 154, Cambridge, 5. Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, outpointed Jimmy Rizzo, 136, Hamilton, Ont., 6. Johnny Woods, 140, Boston, decisioned Jennings Brotherton, 138, Boston, 6.

Worcester—Johnny Moran, 152, hard hitter of Boston, chilled Kid Chocolate, 153, Havana, Cuba, in the second round. Johnny is getting back in shape for a busy Winter season. Tommy Doyle, 180, Fall River, knocked out Sam Shumway, 176, Webster, in the 1st. Ray Dulmaine, 128, Millbury, gained a decision over Charley Kelley, 123, Boston, 4.

Lewiston, Me.—Henry (Kid) Briere, 133½, Putnam, Conn., outpointed Corky Davis, 137, Worcester, in the 8 round main bout.

Salem—Tommy Greb, 135, Boston, beat Tommy "Red" Wells, 132, Manchester, N. H., in 10 rounds, in one of the liveliest battles seen here in years. Wells was pasted plenty in the first two rounds but came back strong and knocked Greb through the ropes in the 10th session. Soldier Montoya, 173, Portland, Me., won the nod over George Cassista, 178, Danvers, in the 6-round semi-final. Bill Daley, 150, Brookline, resuming his career, looked good in disposing of veteran Billy Connerty, Cambridge, in the opening frame. "Kid" Connoyer, Derry, N. H., featherweight, won the decision over Charlie Kelley, Toronto, in the opening six.

Manchester, N. H.—"Buddy" Hayes, New England featherweight champ, outpointed Benny Maye, 123, Montreal (10). Jack Renault, 130, Lowell, kayoed Buddy Lesard, 132, Manchester, N. H. (3).

Bangor, Me.—Herb Freeman, 140, Bangor, knocked out Irish Jimmy Smith, 145, Boston, 2. Johnny Mara, 158, took a six round decision from Omar Roy, 152, Berlin, N. H.

Portland, Me.—Eddie Moniz, 143½, Fall River, Mass., ex-marine, scored his second kayo over Maurice Beauchene, Maine welterweight champion, stopping him in the 5th of a scheduled 10 rounder.

Fall River—Bobby English, 127, Fall River, upset the dope when he won the 10 round nod over Jackie Harris, 128, of Malden, in 10 rounds. English piled up an early lead which Harris could not overcome.

Tommy Elijah Pendleton, 156, Gary, Ind., Negro lad, beat veteran Tommy Bland, 163, Toronto, in the 8 round semi-final.

Boston Garden — Ralph (Ripper) Zannelli, 149½, Providence, closed the bout with a furious drive to earn a draw from dusky Joe Blackwood, 156½, Paterson, N. J., in 10 rounds. Blackwood had been way ahead in the opening rounds, having found on-coming Zannelli a fine target for his jabs and sizzling right crosses.

Eddie Bowden, 178, Boston, formerly of Virginia, continued in his upward surge when he stopped Frank Mercurio, 187, Quincy, in the 4th round of the semi-final.

Roy Andrews, 133, Lowell, beat Jimmy McLarin, 138, New Bedford, in a 6 rounder. Billy Cooper, 165, Jersey City, N. J., beat Young Brown Bomber, 157, Hyannis, 6. Mickey Maguire, 122½, Boston, making his pro debut, walloped Tony Roache, 122, Boston, for a 4 round decision.

Worcester—Leo Sawicki, 150, Worcester, continued undefeated in stopping Jimmy Alexander, 144, Paterson, N. J., in the 9th canto. Bill Daley, 149, promising Brookline boy, decisioned Bobby Burton, 150, Providence, 6. Ray Dulmaine, 128, Millbury, drew with "Kid" Connoyer, 125, Derry, N. H., 4. Tommy Baker, 160, Boston, decisioned Carl Brisson, 167, Beverly, 4. Gerardo Gonzales, 129½, kayoed Charlie Kelley, 125, Boston, 1.

Lewiston, Me.—Al Coutoure, 139, Lewiston, took 14 seconds to flatten Ralph Walton, 142, of Montreal. One punch did the trick.

Salem—Buddy Hayes, 128, Boston, stopped Joey Longo, 126½, Baltimore, in the 7th, in one of the most vicious battles seen on the North Shore. Longo refused to go on in the 7th, protesting that the referee was partial. Police had to escort the two battlers to their dressing rooms.

Ralph Regan, 182, Medford, outpointed Curt Clemmont, 185, Boston, in the six round semi-final.

Manchester, N. H.—Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 133, Havana, won the 10 round decision over Vince Dell 'Orto, 133, Philadelphia. Soldier Montoya, 172, Bangor, TKO'ed Al Tumas, 200, Dorchester, 4. Billy Karas, 111, Manchester, kayoed Dick Dawson, 118, Manchester (2). Tony Roach, 119, Boston, defeated Nicky Clark, 124, Hudson. Earl Evans, 195, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Jim Mooney, 182, South Boston (1).

Boston Garden—Giant Johnny Shkor, 219, Boston, boosted himself among the leaders by whipping "Irish" Johnny Flynn, 212½, Rochester, N. Y., in 10 rounds. Shkor came near stopping Flynn in the first with a beautiful right cross to the jaw. In great shape and ever-trying Shkor shook off Flynn's hardest blows and wound up strong.

Sandy McPherson, 223½, New York, beat Howard Thompson, 206, Saugus, by decision, 8. Elijah Pendleton, 160, Gary, Ind., kayoed Buddy Rynne, 161, Lowell. Buddy Brown, 154, Boston, knocked out Maurice Cloutier, Manchester, N. H., 158, in the 4th in the best fight of the night.

Portland, Me.—Ed Letourneau, 147½, Sanford, kayoed Sal Lupo, 150½, Boston, 3. Frankie Ross, 153, Boston, outpointed Buddy Jones, 152¼, Portland, 8.

Fairfield, Me.—Jerry Boisvert, 158, Lewiston, outpointed Billy Lancaster, 154, Portland, 8.

Burlington, Vt.—Boxing resumed here again with Buster Beaupre, hometown favorite, weighing 138½, winning the 8 round decision over Al LaParierre, 144, Montreal. Rudy Margolin, 154, Montreal, stopped Bernie Cummings, 153, Burlington lad, who has been fighting out of Boston, in the 8th round.

Fall River—Lee Savold, 199½, smooth boxing heavy of Des Moines, Iowa, knocked out Steve Ketchel, 200, rugged local boy, in the third session. After 2 close rounds, the blond Norwegian put his man out with a left to the jaw.

Tommy Doyle, 183, Fall River, outpointed Jim Reed, 190, Woonsocket, 8.

Worcester—Johnny Moran, 149, Boston, and Irish Johnny Taylor, 150, Oakland, California, battled to a 10 round draw. Bill Daley, 148, Brookline, kayoed Johnny Botty, 142, Fall River, 2. Ceferino Bronko, 152, Fall River, outpointed Kid Chocolate, 154, Havana, 4.

Brunswick, Me.—Al Michaud, 146, Lisbon, Me., kayoed Maurice Beauchene, 143, Brunswick, 7. Bob Pooler, 138, Portland, and Paul LeBlond, 137, Lisbon, drew, 6.

Lewiston, Me.—Fern Pelletier, 144, Lewiston, kayoed Red Cap Cooper, 150, Springfield, Mass., 8. Harry Hintlian, 135, Worcester, outpointed Leon LeBlond, 137, Lewiston, 8.

Manchester, N. H.—Mad Anthony Jones, 168, Boston, knocked out Tommy Bland, 164, Toronto veteran, in the second with a barrage of lefts and rights to the head. Teddy Swain, 128, London, Ont., decisioned Ivan Jones, 125, Portland, in the 8-round semi-final.

Salem—Jimmy McLarin, 136½, New Bedford, outpointed Tommy "Red" Wells, 134, Manchester, N. H., 10. Kid Connoyer, 126, Derry, N. H., outpointed Marty Pemba, 130½, Boston, 6.

Bangor, Me.—Herbie Freeman, 139, Bangor, defeated Lloyd "Scotty" Hudson, 134, Bath, 8.

Fall River—Francis Leonard, 133, Taunton, outpointed Ted Swain, 128, London, Ont., 10. Swain was a last minute sub for Eden Germaine. Johnny DiCiantis, 160, Providence, outpointed Soldier Montoya, 170, Portland, Me., 6. Jimmy Pryor, 145, Gary, Ind., outpointed Walter Gomes, 140, New Bedford, 6. Maurice Belanger, 175, Fall River, kayoed Al Amaral, 168, Taunton, 1. Charlie Kelley, 125, Toronto, outpointed Kid Connoyer, 126, Derry, N. H., 4. Connoyer and Kelley have fought 6 times to date.

Portland, Me.—Eddie Moniz, 142, Fall River, made it the 3rd straight kayo in Maine in kayoing Al Michaud, 147½, Lewiston, in 1 heat.

Athol—In the second show in this new club, Harry Hintlian, 134, Worcester, knocked out Leo Methot, 137, Montreal, in 2 minutes and 55 seconds of the 2nd round of a scheduled 8 round bout. Andy Bishop, 127, Fall River, gained the unanimous decision over Gene Gomez, 123, Boston, six rounds.

Worcester — Leo Sawicki, 150, Worcester, TKO'ed Billy Tordiglione, 149½, Boston, in the 7th. Tordiglione suffered cut eyes. Kid Chocolate, 156, Havana, Cuba, outpointed Al Pinel, 155, New Bedford, 6. Moose Kennedy, 198, Gary, Ind., outpointed Tommy Doyle, 179, Fall River, 6. Ike Stevenson, 149, Framingham, stopped Young Diaz, 146, Boston, 3. Ray Dulmaine, 126, Millbury, won over Charlie Kelley, 125, Toronto, 4.

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Mechanics Building, Boston—Tommy Greb, the West End southpaw, relieved Florient Desmarais, Manchester, N. H., of his New England lightweight title in a 12-round slugfest. Tommy outboxed Desmarais most of the way, using a right jab and side-stepping "Flo's" rushes.

In the semi-final, Benny Delgado, 141, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Pryor, 140, Gary, Ind., in the fifth. Bill Daley, 153, Brookline, outpointed Billy Counts, 149, Providence (6). Larry Villeneuve, 153½, Providence, outpointed Al Pinel, 156½, New Bedford (6). Earl Evans, 200, Boston, outslammed Al Tumas, 200, Danvers. Evans put Tumas down nine times to win the four-round decision.

Worcester—George Martin, 150, Boston, outpointed Claude (Buddy) Brown, 150, Roxbury (10).

Lewiston, Me.—"Lefty" LaChance, 137, Lisbon, kayoed Billy Mays, 134½, Jersey City, N. J., in the fourth.

Boston Garden—Al (Red) Priest, Cambridge, continued his rise up the middleweight ladder by disposing of veteran Walter (Popeye) Woods, New York, in the fourth.

Eddie Bowden, 172, South Boston, outpointed Ernie Griffin, 168, Hartford (8). Johnny Priest, 139, Cambridge, knocked out Freddie Pharr, 146, Boston (2). Elijah Pendleton, 155, Gary, Ind., knocked out Young Brown Bomber, 159, Hyannis (1). Mickey Maguire, 124, Roxbury, scored a two-round T.K.O. victory over Charlie Kelley, 127, Toronto. Sammy White, 147, Medford, defeated Jimmy Pryor, 142, Gary, Ind. (4).

Manchester—Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 132, New York, decisioned Georgie Knox, 126, Newark, N. J., in an action-packed main bout at the Recreation Center (10). Maurice Cloutier, 158, Manchester, defeated Johnny Mara, 154, Boston, by decision in the six-round semi-final.

Salem—Joey Longo, 127, Baltimore, outpointed Buddy Hayes, 127, Boston (10). Chet Ross, 154, Beverly, outpointed Ike Stevenson, 149, Framingham (6). Jimmy Marks, 146, Lynn, knocked out Young Diaz, Boston (6). Jimmy Braxton, 170, Boston, knocked out Curt Clemmons, 168, Boston (1). Carter Holmes, 145, Boston, was awarded the victory over Hazel Williams, 142, Boston, when the latter was disqualified in the first round by the referee.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

BETTENDORF, IA.—The following officers and governors were elected at the Scott County Sportsmen's Association meeting here: President, A. E. Dickeson; vice-president, Arnold Thomsen; secretary-treasurer, Jim Craton; trustee, Ben Otten; board of governors, Arnold Biester, Walter Dick, Roy Edgar, Ted Lorenzen and R. H. Patterson; to fill unexpired term on governor's board, Edward Doerr.

Des Moines, Ia.—A monthly rating for amateur boxers of Iowa with the approval of the State A.A.U. officials, the first of which has been released and is as follows:

Only one heavyweight, Louis Gross of Fort Dodge was named in the ranking prepared by Dave Nemo, Des Moines matchmaker, and released by S. P. Whiting, State A.A.U. secretary.

The list, which is based on performances during September, names three leaders in six of the eight weight divisions. Only two, James Ward, Des Moines, and Verne Horne, Fort Dodge, were picked in order named for the light-heavyweight class.

By virtue of his victory over John Cerky September 26, Tommy Thompson of Des Moines leads the lightweight ranking. Bob Boysinger, who held three previous decisions over Thompson, was placed third as a result of a knockout by Cerky September 19, on his record. The rankings:

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Bob Crose, Maquoketa, Ia.
2. Lyle Sydel, Iowa City.
3. Bill Mason, Des Moines.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Al Mier, Cedar Rapids.
2. Mel Barber, Des Moines.
3. Jim Dolan, Cedar Rapids.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Bobby Carew, Des Moines.
2. Tommy Gavin, Cascade, Iowa.
3. Bob McNally, Iowa City.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Tommy Thompson, Des Moines.
2. John Cerky, Des Moines.
3. Bob Boysinger, Des Moines.

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Harry Demery, Fort Dodge.
2. Burrell Smith, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
3. Dick Daniels, Des Moines.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Bob Berens, Cedar Rapids.
2. Dick Witt, Des Moines.
3. Bob Dunlap, Des Moines.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. James Ward, Des Moines.
2. Verne Horne, Fort Dodge.

HEAVYWEIGHT
1. Louis Gross, Fort Dodge.

Wrestling match, City Auditorium—Promoter Max Clayton staged another one of those rowdy team matches in Omaha, in which the Duseks, Joe and Ernie, wrestled the Fenelon boys from Dubuque, Iowa.

The Duseks lost the first fall to the Fenelons in 9:30. They took care of Joe first and then obliged Ernie.

The Duseks won the second fall in 10:20 and the third in 25 minutes to take the first team wrestling match of the season.

In the semi-windup Sailor Fred Blasie won the first fall in 27 minutes. Then Blasie and Chris Zaharias went the rest of the 45-minute limit without a decision.

South Omaha's Danny Plechas made his professional mat debut against Jack Conley of Denver and drew in 30 minutes in the special event.

Davenport, Ia.—Boxing Promoter Bunny Pierce's fourth professional boxing card of the season was another success, drawing over 1500 boxing fans. The results were as follows:

Roy Glenn, Indianapolis, shaded Tommy Lewis, Chicago, five rounds, at 135 pounds.

Charley Nelson, Chicago, decisioned A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, five rounds, at 130 pounds.

Benny Droll, Peoria, shaded Roland Taylor, Des Moines, six rounds, at 160 pounds.

Willie Jones, Indianapolis, decisioned Marion Rhoeten, Milwaukee, six rounds, at 130 pounds.

Danny Robinson, Chicago, decisioned Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., eight rounds, at 140 pounds.

Omaha, Nebr.—A crowd of 2672 fans turned out to see Clarence Brown, Detroit heavyweight, win a ten-round decision over Tex Boddie of Omaha. It was the largest boxing gate contributed in years with a take of $4999.50. Howard Wolff, Omaha sports writer, had this to say regarding the setback of Boddie:

"Tex was a bitter disappointment. That flashing right hand, which two weeks ago dumped Charley Roth on the seat of his pants for the full count, remained sheathed most of the way.

"The Boddie left jab, so effective in previous starts here, was just a love push. Neither the right nor the left carried authority as he lost his first go in eleven local bids.

"Most of the time Tex was content to retreat before the advancing Brown, a fearsome, beetle-browed 201-pounder, who 'way back lost to both Carl Vinciquerra and Paul Hartnek.

"True, Brown has lost only to Joey Maxim in 1946. But the local faithful had pinned their standards on Tex. He's been Omaha's hope for a return to a place in the fistic sun. Master Brown put those hopes in eclipse.

"From the third round on, when Brown buried a vicious left hook deep in Boddie's belly, Tex was a diffident, respectful adversary. Several times the fans set up a clamor of boos and catcalls. If he heard, Tex didn't seem to mind. He refused to turn aggressor."

Results of the other bouts were as follows:

Semi-windup—Joe Hartfield, 163, Omaha, won a six-round decision over Benny Droll, 158, Peoria, Ill.

Special event—Del Cockayne, 138, Des Moines, knocked out Willard Coffee, 136½, Huntington, W. Va., in 1:34 of second round.

Preliminaries—Vince Foster, 145, Omaha, was awarded a technical knockout in second round over Joe Danos, 148, Denver. James J. Cox, 130½, Dallas, drew in four rounds with Tiger Ted Weems, 133½, Chicago. Sammy Calabrese, 157, Denver, won four-round decision over Jimmy Watson, 158, Omaha.

Last Minute Sparks—Down at Omaha, team managers are starting to plan for the coming Golden Gloves tournaments . . . . Jimmy Murphy is having classes at the Y.M.C.A. for his boys . . . . Bob Rushing, Mid-West Golden Gloves lightweight champion of last year, has several boys working out under the banner of the Omaha Post No. 1 of the American Legion . . . . Doc Bradley, well-known boxing manager, has several fine fighters booking out of Miami, Fla. . . . . At this time your scribe wishes to thank such fellows as Floyd Hayes of Omaha, Lew Dochterman of Cedar Rapids, and Bunny Price of Moline, Ill., for keeping this department informed of the doings in their respective sections.

"Slim" Summerville, popular boxer in Omaha in years gone by and boxing instructor after he had retired from the ring, had to give up all ring activity after losing an arm in the service. However, he still plays soccer in the Omaha Soccer League and stars with the Metz team . . . . Eugene Brown, Negro boxer, who came out of the Golden Gloves to turn pro and please Omaha fans, has bid the ring adieu and is now taking advantage of a scholarship that was awarded him on graduation from South High School. He is attending a Negro college back East. He was a lightweight . . . . Remember, mail will reach this correspondent at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia., and news must be in my hands by the sixth of each month.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

JACKIE DARTHARD'S meteoric career as a professional fighter continued when the Kansas City Negro pounded out a close eight-round decision over Dave Riley, St. Louis, in a blistering fight on September 20, before an enthusiastic crowd at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium and was crowned Missouri State welterweight champion. Russ Gentzler, director of athletics for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented the championship belt to Darthard.

With a blazing barrage of punches in the final round, Darthard nosed out the St. Louis scrapper as the bell rang ending the ten-round slugfest. What made the victory all the more remarkable for the recent Kansas City Golden Gloves' graduate, was the fact that it was the first time that Darthard went ten rounds. Jackie tired in the seventh but recuperated rapidly and finished the tenth strong, hammering away at Riley with hard rights and lefts. One of the judges scored the bout even, but Referee Walter Bates and the other judge voted in favor of the Kansas Citian.

Other bouts on the card saw Deacon Logan, 162, St. Louis, score a T.K.O over Jack Stephens, 157, Oklahoma City, in the third round. Charles Morton, 183, Kansas City, stopped Benny Shell, 177, Kansas City, in the third. Roy Cox, 140, St. Charles, Mo., decisioned Eddie Lewis, 143, St. Paul, eight rounds. The scheduled bout between Raymond Young, Kansas City middleweight, and Bennie Droll of Peoria, Ill., was cancelled when the latter appeared for the fight with a badly cut right eye, received in a bout in Omaha a couple of nights prior to the Kansas City fight. Gabe Kaufman promoted the card.

In Wichita, Kansas, Sept. 25, Derby Dan, St. Louis Negro, was knocked out for the third time in Kansas when the Missourian was stopped in the second round by Dolph Quijano, El Paso light-heavyweight, who boxes in this vicinity under the name of Al Velez. Before fighting Quijano or Velez, Dan was twice kayoed by Oscar Lee Wilkins, Topeka preliminary boxer. Deacon Logan, 162, St. Louis, stopped John Riley, 164, Oklahoma City, in the second round.

Before a sellout house in which several thousand fans were turned away, M.W.A. heavyweight wrestling champion, Orville Brown, won a disputed decision over Ede Virag, Hungarian and leading heavyweight wrestling challenger. Your scribe is trying to rematch them. In Kansas City, Mexico's Vincent Lopez, former wrestling champion, is packing them in. Primo Carnera failed to show in Topeka when he missed his airplane connection at Tucson, Ariz., but arrived the next day and was interviewed by the press. He was able to make his Wichita date for Promoter Johnnie Atkinson.

Wherever the former heavyweight boxing champion appears in the role of a wrestler he packs them in. Da Preem has been undefeated since he arrived in this country from Italy. Vincent Lopez scored a surprising upset recently, tossing Orville Brown in a non-title tussle in Topeka.

Unattached fighters wanting to appear in the Mid-west contact the writer. Your correspondent's address: 704 Kansas Ave., Suite 306, Topeka, Kansas.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By HUGH SHANNON

BUFFALO is decidedly heavyweight conscious and the main events of both the Hudson and Fairview clubs have featured big fellows. In fact, Willie Pep is the only light fighter who has a big following here at present. Such heavies as Joe Maxim, Tommy Gomez, Joe Matisi, Phil and Joe Muscato, Bill Weinberg and Arturo Godoy are in demand and draw the crowds.

Fighting in the best form he has displayed in months, Phil Muscato hammered out a clean-cut victory over Lee Oma, Detroit's unorthodox heavyweight, in ten rounds of fast fighting. Jack Singer promoted the show which attracted a gross gate of $19,656 and some 9437 fans. It was Muscato's first performance under the Hudson club's banner in a long time. Oma, in a previous appearance here, had defeated Muscato but this time Phil was in better form and carried the fight to the Detroiter in almost every round. Oma won four rounds, Muscato six. It was "Fighting Phil," however, who provided action and only in the tenth round did Oma really open up and show some of his old-time form.

In preliminaries, Henry Brimm, 158, rapidly improving Negro middleweight, whipped Elmore Barnes, 162½, six rounds; Allen Faulkner, 149¼, won a unanimous verdict from Charlie Daniels, 149½, Pittsburgh, six rounds; Chuck Lloyd, 132, Cleveland, beat Kenny Maeshire, 136, Honolulu. In another six-rounder Bob Sully, 174, stopped Billy Kelly, 190, first round. Eli Hall, 154, won a decision over Bob Friedl, 156, Lancaster, four rounds.

Charlie Palmer is now director of the ornate Fairview A. C. gym. Palmer, who is also manager of the San Francisco middleweight, Jimmy Hayden, is an experienced boxing man and the gymnasium should do well under his direction. Guy T. Sulpi, manager of Phil and Joe Muscato, resigned the job after he switched allegiance from the Fairview to the Hudson club.

The Eagles will stage amateur boxing again this year at the Eagles Auditorium, West Tupper and Pearl streets.

With the greatest number of reservations the club has ever had the Great Lakes A. C. is again promoting wrestling shows every Friday night at Memorial Auditorium. Such mat stars as Frank Sexton, Olaf Olsen, Whipper Billy Watson, Lee Henning, Jim Henry, Frank Taylor and many others are scheduled for bouts. Jack Herman is president of the organization and Jerry Monahan, matchmaker. The address is 262 Main Street, Buffalo.

Phil Muscato gave Henry Jones a good going over in a ten-round bout, which provided lots of action despite Muscato's victory. In a companion ten-rounder, Big Bill Weinberg of Boston, 212½, won easily from Johnny White, 211, of Jersey City; Ross Strickland knocked out Jackie Cranford in jig-time. The bout lasted two minutes and 26 seconds; McKinley English, 197, of Detroit, and Howard Thompson, 204, of Lynn, Mass., battled six rounds to a draw.

The Fairview Club staged the Muscato-Jones match and reported a crowd of 6300. Lou Scozza was the referee.

Fistic Dope—Bert Finch, who has been training Joe Matisi, has the Binghamton bomber in good shape. . . . Tommy Timlin, former boxing manager, is now one of America's topflight pro football referees. He's in the All-America Conference. . . . Henry Brimm, Negro welterweight, is ready for a main event. . . . Joe Netro is keeping Carman DeJohr and Cliff Beckett very busy in out-of-town rings. . . . Johnny Green, who recently quit his old manager, Jackie Pyne, has shown no desire to accept any boxing assignments of late. . . . Jack Singer has the urge to go after Billy Conn for a Buffalo engagement. . . . If Singer gets Conn it will be Phil Muscato who'll fight the Pittsburgh flash. . . . Dewey Michaels and Charlie Pinto will announce some outstanding Fairview matches soon. . . . Good boxers who are not under contract should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. . . . Your correspondent is now editor of *The Sports Review*, weekly sports paper here.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

TED (MUSTANG) GARCIA, Indian Southpaw, took only three rounds to dispose of Chino Alonzo, Phoenix Mexican. In the first two rounds Garcia moved in, taking his tricky opponent's Sunday punches and at the same time rocking Alonzo back on his heels with terrific left hooks. The end came suddenly in the third round when Garcia drove a powerful short inside left uppercut to Chino's solar plexus. Alonzo was counted out on one knee. About 50 percent of the ringsiders, including the Boxing Commission officials, didn't see the punch that ended the bout. The Comish immediately suspended Alonzo and forfeited his purse, even though the referee declared he had been hit.

Sammy Calabrese, who ran out on his contract to fight Foster Campbell on the same card, was given a mild warning. What the fans around here would like to know is: how the Commission could be so tough with a nice little guy who came 1200 miles, fought a rugged opponent and did his best, while at the same time a local boy openly defied the Commission and received for his defiance a mild warning.

The show, promoted by Champ Thomas and sponsored by Lowry Post No. 501 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was a financial success. Four thousand fans paid $7300.

Rocky Ford—Promoter Bud Smith gave fight fans in this Arkansas Valley town another fistic treat. In the ten-round main event Ted (Mustang) Garcia was held to a draw by Garcy Sisneros, veteran trial horse.

In sixes, Foster Campbell, Denver middleweight, scored an upset when he stopped Chuck Caldwell Rawlings, Wyoming battler, in the fifth round. Caldwell received a cut eye. Freddie Maes, Denver featherweight, knocked out Johnny Martinez in the fourth after a pier 6 brawl.

Grand Junction—Promoter Keith Buckley of Grand Junction is getting all set to run semi-monthly shows here and in Delta.

The Rocky Mountain Association of the A.A.U. presented an all-star card at the Denver Auditorium on September 25. The card was billed as a team match between Lowry Field and Denver boys. The soldiers won two out of seven bouts.

Mustang Garcia is all set to invade Texas rings. The Mustang is well liked around Houston and Galveston where he thrilled ring fans before the war. James J. Cox, 130 pounds, and Joe Danos, 147 pounds, have recovered from injuries and are ready for action. Corky Gonzales, rated as one of the best amateurs around here in years, will turn pro after the 1947 Golden Gloves and A.A.U. tournaments. Corky figures on winning at least one of these tourneys.

Champ Thomas will promote a four-day amateur tournament at the Rollordrome very soon. Jim Thompson, veteran trainer, will be matchmaker for the tournament. The writer's address is 1129 15th Street, Denver.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

IN the feature ttraction of 12 rounds, presented by Larry Atkins and Bob Brickman, Harold Green, 155, Brooklyn, decisively outpointed Sammy Secreet, 149, McDonald, Pa. The second and fourth rounds were taken away from Harold because of low blows. These were the only ones the Brooklynite lost, although 3 were even. Harold was far the better in close, and also landed many hard, telling blows at long range. Sammy never stopped trying and rallied gamely in the last round. The bout was full of action.

In the 8 round semi-final Joey Ferrier, 148, decisively outpointed aggressive Al Highers, 142, Long Island City, N. Y., only to lose a split decision. Ferrier used a left jab and right uppercut to earn himself a comfortable margin.

Leo Garrett, 137, looked good in beating Chico Ruiz, Mexico City, 137, in all 6 rounds.

Jimmy Mulligan, 163, Lowell, kayoed Art Hardy, 159, Pittsburgh, in the second. Hardy outmauled the southpaw in the first, but Mulligan's left scored 3 knockdowns in the second; the last for keeps.

In a great preliminary bout, Frankie Muche, 135, Niles, handed Leroy Koeth his first pro defeat. The boys battled furiously every inch of the way and it was Muche's last round rally that won the fight for him.

In the opener, Beau Brown, 180, Cincinnati, knocked out Jack McCurdy, 172, Buffalo, in the third round. Brown looked like a comer.

Johnny Papke, well known manager and trainer, has added Bobby Berry, middleweight, and Bobby Root, lightweight, to his stable. Both boys won their initial bouts under his banner at Canton. Berry beat Carman DeJohn of Buffalo, scoring 2 knockdowns, and Root outpointed Eddy Bell of Canton.

Charles Lester, winner of the A.A.U. heavyweight title in 1945 and 1946, has now won 6 straight pro fights, 5 by kayoes.

Leroy Jackson, 128, made his Pacific Coast debut beating Al Erwin, 131, Minneapolis, in a 10 round feature at the Olympic in Los Angeles. Jackson made a hit with the fans, winning 8 of the 10 rounds.

SPOKANE NEWS
By JIMMY TANSY

BOXING came back to Spokane with a bang as Promoter Gross brought Tony Olivera, the nation's number three bantamweight, to town and showed him against little Jack Turner, the Canadian contender. It was an interesting match, but it is the opinion of many that Joey Dolan could have licked both contestants in the same ring that night. The judges' decisions were unanimously in favor of Olivera, but he didn't have any picnic of it.

In the six-round semi, Ron Whalley whaled the daylights out of Joe Jackson to cop the decision, and in the four-round curtain raiser Al Wylder, 119, of Spokane, lived up to advance notices though dropping the duke to little Jimmy Archer, good-looking Portland boy. The rest of the card was rained out.

On September 5, the second showing of Tony Olivera was staged indoors at the Ice Arena and this time Tony battled Paulie Martinez, the Omaha youngster, who came boasting an undefeated string of 22 bouts. In the first two rounds Paulie had Tony in lots of trouble, but from the third on, Tony's class showed and he handed the Omaha flash a real beating until the referee, Joey August, stopped the slaughter in the sixth round.

Frankie Gimbel came back to the local wars in the semi-final bout and beat Milo Savage of Seattle. Because of Milo's reluctance to mix it, Gimbel was unable to show why he is now billed as Spokane's Rocky Graziano. Fran Porter continued on his winning ways at the expense of Ron Whalley, who was holding his own with Porter until Fran opened a gash over his right eye. In the curtain raiser, Al Wylder pulled the fight out of the fire when he put on a whirlwind finish to gain a draw with Carl Begman.

ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Results of Oklahoma City Golden Gloves jamboree: 112—Buddy Yacheschi, dec., William Leuppe; 118—Robert Nunn, dec., Hoot Orndorff; 126—Sammy Bayless, dec., Bill Sharp; 135—Doc Pewewardy, dec., Philip Burnes; 147—Herschel Acton, dec., Rudy Payasappe; 160—Al Snipes, K.O.'ed Bob Horn, (3); 175—Luke Tainpeah, dec., Don Lockwood; Heavyweight—Darrell Harris, dec., Jerry Smith.

Little Rock, Arkansas — Buddy Holderfield, 140½, Scott, Ark., won a 10-round decisfon over Mike Bocanegra, 147.

The six-round semifinal was a victory for Joe Conforto, New Orleans welterweight, who spotted Ray Ashmore, Memphis, ten pounds and won an easy decision.

In another six-rounder Red Alderson, 140, Memphis, won over Jimmy Hatmaker, Little Rock, when Hatmaker fell out of the ring and returned to the ring too late. Referee Ed Walker counted ten seconds when he should have counted 20 seconds, (4).

Johnny Goodspeed, Memphis featherweight, won a four-round decision from Johnny Callander of New Orleans.

"Young Joe" Lewis, Little Rock Negro, was too much for Kid McCoy, Negro from Birmingham. Lewis won a second round kayo.

Negro amateur fighters opened the show with a Battle Royal.

Les Call, promoter; crowd over 3000.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Frank Andruff, 198, from Minneapolis, Minn., knocked out Babe Ritchie of Lubbock, Texas, in the second round.

James Enopia, 125, Oklahoma City, kayoed Tommy Huffman, 126, Memphis, second round.

Danny Heflin, 142, Memphis, knocked out Howard Carr, 146, Oklahoma City, (4).

Little Rock, Ark.—Buddy Holderfield won a ten-round decision over Bobby McIntire, 147, of Detroit.

Troy Gray, 155, England, Ark., won a six-round decision over Ray Ashmore, 158, Memphis. Best bout of the show.

Red Alderson, 140, Memphis, won a six-round decision over Jimmy Hatmaker, 142, Little Rock, in a rematch.

Charles Marsh, 155, Memphis, T.K.O.'ed Jerry Sargent, 157, New Orleans, (3).

Ed Walker, 130, North Little Rock, won a decision over Jim Aldridge, 128, Chattanooga, (4).

Wanted Fighters—with no ties or contract, Yours Truly, 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX
By LARRY JONAS

LOCAL boxing, which has survived many a beating during the last two decades, is now hanging on to the ropes and, to all intents and purposes, is just about out on its feet.

Francisco de la Cruz, a Mexican boy with plenty of heft, is the new heavyweight king of Arizona. Francisco, former Marine champ, lifted the crown from the brow of Tony Martin via a four round T.K.O.

De la Cruz caught Martin with a hard left hook just before the bell rang ending the third round. Tony never fully recovered from that punch and was easy prey for the Mexican boy in the early seconds of the fourth. Referee Rusty Ling called a halt to the proceedings when it was obvious that Martin could no longer defend himself. De la Cruz weighed 220 and Martin scaled 212.

On the same card, Cowboy Doug Smith chalked up a TKO in the first round of a scheduled six round affair, the victim being Robert Perry. Smith, who weighed 161, took command from the very outset and won as he pleased. Perry's weight was 157.

In a special six round affair, Frank Antuna defeated Willie Williams in a slambang bout that pleased the fans. Antuna has a wide edge in skill and experience, but Willie gave a good account of himself nonetheless. Both boys are middleweights. Billy Sparks and Mike de la Rosa, featherweights, battled to a four round draw. In the opener, Noble Johnson, 127, won from Lee Sherman, 126, over the four round route.

Chino Alonzo returned to the local fistic wars by scoring an impressive K.O. over Rocky Robels in the fourth round. Robels proved an able and willing mixer until the heat and Alonzo proved too much for him. A right cross to the chin of Robels after 2:12 of the fourth, proved to be the clincher. Alonzo weighed 134 and Robels 133½.

In the semi-final, Cowboy Doug Smith eked out a decision over Frank Antuna in a bout that could have gone either way. We gave each fighter three rounds, but the decision wasn't a bad one. The boys are middleweights.

In another scheduled six rounder, Billy Hale put the quietus on Romero Lopez in the second stanza. It was hardly a match for Billy, who found little difficulty in getting to Lopez with every punch in his repertoire. Lopez did well in standing up as long as he did. Hale came in at 133, with Romero scaling 126. Billy Sparks and Lee Q. Murray, lightweights, put on a classy four round exhibition in a bout that was awarded to Murray. The Negro was too strong and too fast for Sparks. In the opening four-rounder, Alex Peralta, 118, defeated Lee Sherman, 121½, in a tame affair.

By the time this issue of THE RING hits the stands, your correspondent will be just about ready to take the leap with Miss Betty Geller.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

MOST of the fights staged during the month of September pleased the Mexican fans. They were held, as usual, at Mexico City, in El Coliseo Arena, the best in the Republic. Results were:

September 4—Baby Mickey, 117, decisioned Monito Flores, 114, in ten rounds. Chucho Llanes, 132, decisioned Tony Becerra, 126, also in ten.

September 7—Kid Azteca, 147, welter champion of Mexico, T.K.O.'ed Carlos Malacara, 144, former lightweight champion, in the third round of the main event. Saul Torres, 132, decisioned Max Perez, 132, former lightweight champion of France, in ten.

September 11—Chilindrina Valencia, 123, won a decision over Pedro Ramirez, 126, because of a disqualification verdict against Ramirez, who deliberately used his head to strike Valencia. This was in the seventh round. Regino Aguila, 144, kayoed Paco Acosta, 144, in two.

September 14—Tommy Lopez, 140, better known in Mexico under the nickname of "El Conscripto," decisioned Kid Filipino, 144, in ten. Babe Leonard, 136, a Cuban Negro, decisioned Villita de Juarez, 132, in ten.

September 18—Paulino Montes, 133, kayoed Leonardo Lopez, 129, featherweight champion of Mexico, in the third of the ten-round main event. Manuel Rivera, 131, decisioned Chucho Llanes, 129, in ten.

September 21—Ernesto Aguilar, 123, bantamweight champion of Mexico, decisioned Jorge Robles, 120, in ten. Baby Mickey, 117, decisioned Babe Zaragoza, 114, in ten.

September 25—Armando Puentes Pi, 118, a Cuban Negro, kayoed Luis Reyes, 115, in three. Babe Leonard, 136, decisioned Jose Luis Perez, 132, in ten.

September 28—Tony Mar, 136, lightweight champion, kayoed Saul Torres, 132, in the third round of the main event staged at ten. Pedro Ramirez, 126, decisioned Chilindrina Valencia, 123,

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

EDDIE SMITH of Rochester won over Tommy Rotolo of Rome, N. Y., in the only match of the month. The two judges gave Smith 6 rounds, 2 to Rotolo and 2 even. The referee gave Smith 5 rounds, 3 to Rotolo and 2 even. Smith was too strong for Rotolo and had him in a bad way more than once. In the semi-final, Irish Johnny Rowe of Rochester and Al Baldesano of Niagara Falls stole the show in a great fight. Other bouts saw Irish Johnny Long of Rochester win his 16th straight fight by a K.O. over Davey Baxter of Hamilton, Ont., in 1 round. Fred Chards won over Mitchell Steklof in 6. Sam Musa won by a K.O. over Tommy Brocken in 4. 3086 fans paid a gross of $8,548.59.

At Elmira, N. Y., Gunnar Barlund of Valley Stream, L. I., had too much ring savvy and endurance for Eddie Jackson of Binghamton and won a unanimous 10 round decision. 1600 fans saw the fight. Other fights: Aster Rice lost by a T.K.O. in 3 to Joe Davis. Piffy Citar and Jimmy Evans fought 4 rounds to a draw. Willard Carpenter won over Richard Manning in 1 and Howard Chard won over Dan Biggers in 1.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Jerry Coursol of Montreal won over Shamus McCray of Cleveland in 8. Roy Evans won over Ruby Roberts in 8 rounds. Joey Kushner won over Augie Bass in 6 rounds. Otto Christie won over Bobby Bright in 2 and in the opener Jimmy Evans won over Billy Carpenter in 4 rounds. 1089 fans saw the fights and paid a gross of $1800.

Rochester fans will have fights every Monday night, with pros going one week and amateurs the following week.

If you want to fight in or around Rochester you can write me and I will turn your letters over to the matchmakers.

Two boys who bear watching are Irish Johnny Long who up to date has had 16 fights and won them all, 10 by K.O.'s. Long is a smart fighter with a good punch. The other boy is Irish Johnny Rowe, 133 lbs. Up to date Rowe has had 14 fights and won 12, 7 by K.O.'s. He is a slambang fighter who loves to fight.

The amateur fights have started their 10th season and Matchmaker Johnny Burba has been signed for his 10th year as matchmaker. He stated that he will give the amateur fans better and bigger shows.

Around the gym—Billy Foley is looking better daily and will turn pro soon. Russ Virgo is drawing big gates at the weekly amateur fights around the state and will try for the nationals this year. Willie Gano is another good looking prospect. Art Farrell is planning on running weekly amateur fights at Dansville. So is Steve Halaiko at Auburn. Jimmy Dennis and Micky Barno are running weekly shows at Johnson City. Lloyd Welsh is running weekly at Binghamton. If you want to read your notes in this column send them in before the 1st of each month. You can get your RING at all newsstands in Rochester around the 15th of each month.

My address is 103 S. Union St., Rochester 7, N. Y., so send in your notes before the first of each month.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

BEFORE a near capacity crowd the promotorial combo of Turner and Menendez opened the indoor season by presenting two ten-round co-features.

The best bout of the two was the Jackie Cranford-Ross Strickland heavyweight go in which the Washington battler kayoed his Buffalo rival in 1:57 of the tenth. Cranford scaled 182 to Strickland's 178. It was revenge for Cranford, who was stopped in one by Strickland recently in Buffalo.

Jack showed a healthy amount of respect for his Buffalo rival and as a result Strickland was winging his way with a comfortable lead in the points column. However, as the fight progressed Cranford gained confidence and in its closing rounds Jackie was banging away at will. From the seventh on Cranford was the aggressor. In the ninth Strickland was weary. Finally in the tenth Jackie had Strickland helpless in a neutral corner when Referee Charlie Reynolds stopped it.

In the ten-round co-feature Jimmy McGriff, 144, Washington, decisioned Eddie Alzek, 143, New York City.

In the main prelim, a sixer, Georgie Brooks, 159, Washington, won via the T.K.O. route over Lou Bass, 167, Washington, in 2:18 of the fifth. Bass was enjoying a slight lead when he suffered a cut over his eye. Two fours completed the card, with Stonewall Jackson, 136, Washington, knocking out Al Wilks, 136, Washington, in 1:42 of the third.

In the opener Emmett Harris, 147½, Washington, gave Slim Jim Robinson, 152, Washington, lots of trouble before losing. Gate, $2773.21.

LEFTS AND RIGHTS—Joe Turner and Gabe Menendez are to promote weekly shows. If his opening show is a forerunner of things to come it will be an exciting indoor season.

I see where Steve Mamakos is battling again. It is your writer's hope that Steve will hang up the padded mittens before it's too late. Why must unscrupulous managers, seconds and promoters besmirch the boxing game by such tactics?

King Levinsky is now in the tie business.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

WEST SPRINGFIELD SPORTS, INC., which has been promoting boxing for the last few years, broke all records this season with a quarter of a million dollars in gates. Al Caroly and George Sheppard are leaving this section for the season, but will be back again under a new contract next season.

Harry Nidle, manager of Milton Lattimer, made a trip to West Springfield, Mass., to handle a couple of fighters for Jack Barrett, who has too many fighters to be with them all. Barrett often has four or five fighters boxing in different cities the same night.

Joe DeMaria is promoting in the Crystal Ballroom at Pittsfield, Mass., a good indoor spot for the city.

Al Clemente, of Boston's New Garden Gym, has a fine young prospect in Doc Blanchard, formerly of Chicopee, Mass. Doc has been going like a house afire under Clemente.

Red Cap Cooper, 142, has been fighting steadily. Although not always a winner, he is a pleasing scrapper. He can be reached through the writer at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Tommy Jessup of Springfield, Mass., beat Ernie Petrone and looked very good in doing it.

Don Wright of Springfield, Mass., has had two victories since joining up with McCormick. McCormick also is training Mike Delnero, who is a fine prospect.

Henry Jolly of Keene, N. H., is promoting in Claremont, N. H. Arthur Lemieux of Bennington, Vt., is staging shows in his home town.

Ted Bayly of Watervliet, N. Y., is staging shows weekly at Troy, New York. Fighters wishing to get work there should contact him at Box 97, Troy, N. Y.

Lou "Lucky" Langley, 118, is fighting out of Springfield, Mass. He can be reached through the writer, 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee, Mass.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

JACKIE LOVATT, unbeaten amateur star, received the stamp of approval from the local sport scribes when he scored an impressive knockout in his pro debut. Dick McHale is managing the promising ex-sailor.

Muggsy Mandell has added Eddie Fisher and Jerry King to his stable. King impressed Woonsocket fight fans by stopping Kenny Bruce unbeaten local featherweight.

Eddie Shapiro has moved into the Woonsocket State Armory, after completing a successful outdoor season. Promoter Dave Cashman resumed boxing at the R. I. Auditorium in October. Cashman has many outstanding matches on the docket.

Ralph Zannelli began his fall campaign by holding middleweight Joe Blackwood to a draw. Zannelli is clamoring for a match with Al (Red) Priest.

Ernie Forte, Larry Bolvin and Joe Angelo are training for future matches.

Tony Ferry, former national amateur heavyweight champion, resumed boxing after an absence of three years. Ferry, an excellent prospect before joining the army, scored a victory on the Louis-Mauriello card.

Wrestling is being staged at the Arcadia on Tuesday nights. Frank Marcus, of San Francisco, manager of Al Spencer, West Coast lightweight, is in Boston seeking matches. Fox Pointers can obtain their copy of THE RING at Ronny Nunes' Variety Store on Wickenden Street. RING Mags sell fast at the Arcadia on fight nights.

Tony Petronella covered the Zale-Graziano shindig.

Here are the month's results:

Arcadia—Tony Costa, 126½, Woonsocket, R. I., won in 10 rounds over Charley Noel, 129½, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oliver Desmarais, 132, Manchester, N. H., stopped Martin Taber, 127¼, East Providence, R. I., in 4.

Larry Villeneuve, 153¼, Providence, R. I., won in 6 over Al Pinel, 154, New Bedford, Mass.

Eddie Soares, 155¼, Providence, R. I., won in 8 over Tommy Bland, 162, Boston, Mass.

Arcadia—Jackie Weber, 131, Pawtucket, R. I., won in 10 over Oliver Desmarais, 130, Manchester, N. H.

Benny Delgado, 138, Providence, R. I., won in 8 over Jimmy Rizzo, 136, Hamilton, Ont.

Jackie Lovatt, 140, Providence, R. I., stopped Jackie Walker, 144, Boston, Mass., in 2 rounds.

Al Pinel, 160, New Bedford, Mass., won in 6 over Johnny Deciantis, 163, Providence, R. I.

Johnny Leese, 149, Dedham, Mass., won in 4 over Bennie Colardo, 144, Providence, R. I.

St. Ann's Park, Woonsocket—Johnny Eagle, 164, New York, N. Y., won in 10 rounds over Abel Gonsalves, 172, Pawtucket, R. I.

Billy Napper, 144, Boston, Mass., won in 8 over Eddie Richmond, 140, Providence, R. I.

Al Pinel, 156, New Bedford, Mass., won in 6 over Alex Reback, 167, Pawtucket, R. I.

Al Berad, 136, Woonsocket, R. I., K.O.'ed Al Brier, 134, Boston, Mass., in 1.

Arcadia—Lee Savold, 203, Englewood, N. J., TKO'ed Pete Louthis, 184¾, Providence, R. I., in the fifth round.

Georgie Read, 183¾, Paterson, N. J., won in 6 over Tommy Doyle, 181, Fall River, Mass.

Larry Villeneuve, 154½, Providence, R. I., TKO'ed Young Dias, 154, Boston, Mass., in 3.

Jackie Lovatt, 144, Providence, R. I., KO'ed Eddie Martin, 138, Boston, Mass., in 1.

Billy Counts, 150¾, Providence, R. I., TKO'ed Tommy Reardon, 140, Brockton, Mass., in 6.

Arcadia—Buddy Farrell, 155½, Newark, N. J., won in 10 over Mad Anthony Jones, 169¾, Boston, Mass.

Larry Villeneuve, 153¾, Providence, R. I., TKO'ed Maurice Cloutier, 152½, Manchester, N. H., in 3 rounds.

Jackie Lovatt, 144, Providence, R. I., TKO'ed Johnny Botty, 144, Fall River, Mass., in 2.

Billy Counts, 150¾, Providence, R. I., TKO'ed Russ Golden, 156, Boston, Mass., in 3.

Benny Colardo, 142, Providence, R. I., KO'ed Manny Barrows, 142, Fall River, Mass., in 1.

State Armory, Woonsocket—Frankie Conti, 146, Haverhill, Mass., won in 10 over Benny Singleton, 146, Waterbury, Conn.

Johnny Luz, 154, New Bedford, Mass., won in 8 over Jim Petti, 148, Woburn, Mass.

Alex Reback, 162, Pawtucket, R. I., TKO'ed Jean Robichaud, 156, Forestdale, R. I., in 1.

Lee Britto, 136, East Providence, R. I., KO'ed Walter Gomes, 138, New Bedford, Mass., in 1.

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RESULTS for the month at the Jersey City Garden:

September 10—Artie Towne, 151, New York schoolboy, easily outpointed Joe Curcio, 155, Newark southpaw, 10.

Towne, who was stopped by Curcio two years ago, led all the way.

In the semi, Georgie Martin, 131, N.Y.C., upset Eddie White, 136½, Jersey City, 6. Billy (Killer) Kilroy, 151½, East Rutherford, K.O.'ed Chick Jones, 146½, N.Y.C., in 2:01 of round one.

Jimmy Jimminett, 135, Bayonne, outpointed Walter Peddie, 134½, Jersey City, 4.

Sol Cantor, 127, Toronto, outboxed Steve Bottger, 129, Paterson, 4.

September 17—Vince Fratello, 159½, Hackensack, stopped Jimmy Mulligan, 162½, Lowell, Mass., southpaw, 1:57 in 7. George Smith, 159½, took a close decision over Tony Del Gatto, 160, Brooklyn, 8. Ernie Durando, 154½, Bayonne, KO'ed Eddie Matt, 156¼, Paterson, 4. Jackie Pitts, 132¼, Phila., outpointed George Scott, 135, Harlem, 4. Ross Anzalone, 141⅛, N. Y. C., outpointed Lew Holton, 142½, St. Louis, 4.

Artie Towne, 150, N. Y. C., scored another easy victory, beating Sal Richie, 148½, Brooklyn.

For the second time Henry Hall, 170½, New Orleans, beat Willie Hayes, 179, North Bergen, in 8.

Billy Smith, 139, Medford, KO'ed Eddie Weyand, 137½, Jersey City, in 4 rounds. Steve Bottger, 128, Paterson, and Casiro Cazdero, 127¼, Puerto Rico, drew in 4. John Derby, 138, Paterson, outpointed Jackie Pitts, 134, Phila., 4.

October 1—Solly Zalter, Canadian middleweight, 167, outpointed Vince Fratello, 159, Hackensack, 10, Eddie White, 135, Jersey City, and Bernie Bernard, 132, Brooklyn, drew in 6. Buddy Fitzgerald, 141, Jersey City, outpointed Tommy Sloane, 143, N. Y. C., in 6. Jimmy Jimminett, 137½, Bayonne, KO'ed Jackie Pitts, 133, Phila., in 1.

Ernie Durando, 152½, Bayonne, KO'ed Artie Murphy, 146, N. Y. C., in 2.

The best prospect of the month is Henry Hall, New Orleans light-heavyweight, who if handled right will go a long way.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

HARRY HART, Delaware lightweight, was given the duke over Murray "Sugar" Cain, New York, in ten rounds, topping the Lee Lynch boxing show at Springfield.

Dick Lewis, Columbus featherweight, lost a disputed six round decision to Melven Pullon, Dayton. Homer Bigham, Lancaster middleweight, added Cowboy Headley, Zanesville, to his win list by stopping Headley in the first round. Eldon Fletcher, Springfield light-heavyweight, was given the nod over Whitey Wueber Dayton, and Pinkey Lester, Lima welterweight, lost in four to Victor Bird of Dayton.

In the best fight of the season at Columbus, Eddie Perry, shifty Detroit lightweight, gained a unanimous decision over Willie Russell in ten rounds. It was a very good fight, with Perry on the canvas four times. Each time Perry arose and came back fighting.

The six round semi-final between Cleveland Brown, hard punching Cincinnati welterweight, and Woody Lowden, Columbus, ended in the final round when Brown hit Lowden with a straight right hand. Homer Bigham kayoed Phil Smith, Cincinnati middleweight, in the third round after a hard fight. Freddie Tibbs, of Columbus, gained an unpopular decision over Ben Parks, also of Columbus, in four rounds. Ted (Reddy) Black, Detroit lightweight, making his second pro start, stopped Tuffy Griffin, Cincinnati, in the second round of a four.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, Fred Donohoe and Ted Gordley have organized a new sporting club which will sponsor boxing once a month at Moose Hall. Mayor George Koerner, head of the Boxing Commission, is eager to bring nationally known fighters into the Ohio River City.

Rex Reece and Sam Miller, Mansfield promoters, sponsored their first indoor show, and Paul Carbetta, Mansfield featherweight, gained a close decision in ten rounds over Dick Lewis of Columbus. This was a return meeting, Lewis having won the first. Dick Alexander, Mansfield welterweight, won in six heats over Dan Pinto of Columbus. Phil Schwartz, Columbus middleweight, earned the nod over George Kerestes of Mansfield, in another six. Joe Brown, Lakeville, defeated Jimmy Smith, Columbus, in a four round heavyweight fight. Freddie Tibbs, Columbus, lost a hard fought four round fight to Ben Parks, also of Columbus. The gate grossed $1800.00.

In Canton, Ohio, The Diamond A.C. presented Vince Turpin, Canton welterweight, against Harvey Dubs, of Canada, in a ten spot, with Turpin winning the duke.

In the semi-final, Ernie Pelaia, of Detroit, won a six round decision over Tiger Jackson of Akron. Ira Turpin went to a draw with Steve Ladell, of Cleveland, in six rounds, while Eddie Bell, Canton, decisioned Kid Chocolate, of Akron, in four rounds.

In the four round opener, Snookie Brian, of Massillon, won over Gordon Hunt of Cleveland.

Four outstanding bouts featured the show at Akron. Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, knocked out Bobby Berger, Chicago, in the second round.

Dave Marsh, Akron, defeated Leo Garrett, Cleveland, in eight rounds. Art Kimmell, of Pittsburgh, outscored Lalo Berezo, Youngstown, in a five rounder. Freddie Bernhardt, Akron lightweight, defeated Bobby Root, of Cleveland, also, in five rounds. Emil Tanner, of Youngstown, decisioned Kid Williams, of Braddock, Pa., in an opening five.

The Eagle's Club of Dayton held a mixed wrestling and boxing show. Sammy Adams, Columbia, and Tommy Tibbs, of Delaware, went to a fast four round draw in the top bout. Jimmy Parks, Columbus, stopped Harry Myers in the second round of a scheduled four rounder.

At Akron, 1,750 fans witnessed a good fight between Akron's Sammy Crandall Baroudi and Cleveland's Chuck Hunter, and after ten hectic rounds the fight was called a draw. Chet Martin and Freddie Bernhardt, Akron lightweights, fought a sizzling eight rounder with Martin getting the nod.

Eddie Elton, Akron's slugging middleweight, added George Eschman of Cincinnati to his win list when he stopped the latter in 1:29 in the first round. Dominick Mancuso, Washington, Pa., stopped Bobby Earhart, Cincinnati, in 2:04 of the fifth and final round, and Art Kimmell, Pittsburgh, won a five round bout from Larry Janke, of Cincinnati.

Harry Hart, Delaware's slugging lightweight, made a great hit at Akron when he stopped Irish Billy Miller, of Pittsburgh, in two minutes of the first round.

Eddie Elton stopped Phil Schwartz in the first round of what was supposed to be an eight round semi-final. Promoter Walter Moore is planning to hold shows every other week.

Charley Banks, Cincinnati light-heavyweight, stopped Tommy Woodward, Columbus, in the ninth round of a scheduled ten round fight at Lawrence, Kentucky. The fight was promoted by The American Legion, with George Nichols, of Cincinnati, as matchmaker. The gate grossed $2,500, and it was the first pro show staged in this city in several years.

Willie Russell evened the score with Eddie Perry, Detroit gamester, as he stiffened his previous conqueror in the eighth round at Memorial Hall, Columbus.

Both boys unlimbered their heavy artillery as each tried for a knockout. Willie finally sent Perry to the deck in the eighth heat. The bell saved Eddie, but while his seconds tried to revive him, Commission physician, Dr. Eckstrom, halted proceedings after examining Perry.

In the prelims, Tiger Wills stopped Jack Lester, of Lima, in the first round. Mutt Schwartz, Columbus, and Bob Reed, Detroit, drew in six, Jimmy Mitchell defeated Dan Pinto in another six, while a fourth six saw Ted Woodward and Sherm Washington, both of Columbus, battle to a draw.

A local street car strike hurt the gate, but 2,300 fans turned out to see the show.

Dave Marsh, Akron, defeated Harry Hart in a slambang eight round scrap at Akron. Eddie Elton, Akron middleweight, stopped Tip Ramsey, Cincinnati, in the fourth round of a slated eight. The latter gave a good account of himself, until he received a nasty cut over the left eye.

Moe Harvey, classy Warren featherweight, had too much on the ball for Jimmy Beasley, of Cleveland, as he stopped Jim in the second of another listed eight. The loser was down six times. Freddie Bernhardt stopped Tiger Wills in five, and Charley Lester kayoed Bob Clark in the second of an intended four round heavyweight tussle.

Any questions about the fight game in Ohio and vicinity will be answered by the writer, Less Huffman, if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. My address is P.O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

EZZARD CHARLES will be the next light-heavyweight champion of the world, IF Gus Lesnevich gets into the same ring with Ezz to toss gloves! Charles proved this on the night of September 23 at Music Hall in Cincinnati when he defeated Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif., star, in the 10 round main event of a Benny and Sam Becker promotion. Charles looked like a million bucks against Smith. Action prevailed and the fans got one of the best light-heavyweight battles in its local history. $23,565 rolled into the Becker till for the show. Tony Canzoneri was an interested onlooker.

In the supporting bouts, all of which were chuck full of fighting, Pat Iacobucci beat Bill Cummings in a six session feather tilt. Lloyd Gibson outpointed Pat Carter of Indianapolis by a narrow margin in a six round light-heavy bout. Dick Cooke drew with Johnny Goode, 6 rounds, lightweights, and Joe Discepoli beat Oliver Cobbins in a six round 135 pound tilt. This Discepoli has IT! Watch him!

Earl Butler and Willie Purcell were third men.

Buddy Knox, veteran Dayton, Ohio, 205 pounder, bounced back into the heavyweight picture at Miami, Fla., on September 25 when he knocked out Larry Crawford of Brooklyn, 192 lbs., in the first round.

At Mount Vernon, Ohio, on September 25, boxing returned with a bang, with Joe Basco's crack lightweight, Lloyd Pine, just out of the Navy, slapping a kayo over Bobby Willson of Massillon, O., in the sixth round. Latest to join the Basco stable of Barberton, O., is Tommy Lopez, a Mexican welter, who in his last start, according to the Basco bulletins, whipped the good Kid Filipino down Mexico way.

Archie Hindman, chairman of the Indiana Boxing Commission, had another feather attached to his hat recently when Walter Ringer, secretary of the National Boxing Association, named Hindman as Regional Co-ordinator of the Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio No. 7 region.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots . . . Franky Graham, brother of Bushy from Utica, N. Y., is anxious to show good Italian welterweight Len Taglia in these parts. . . . J. D. Cammack of Girard, Ohio, has a swell looking stable of boys who are bound to be heard from during the indoor season . . . Hats off to Babe and Clarice Hunt for the fine booking jobs they are doing down Oklahoma City route. . . . R. G. Hollified and W. J. O'Connell of Dayton, Ohio, have taken over the management of the good lightweight Eddie Brant. . . . Art Borger is doing the matchmaking for the new American Legion sponsored club at Lawrenceburg, Indiana. . . . My fight flashes service is still available to fans, promoters and managers at one dollar per year, address me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio . . . this address also available to fighters of all weights wanting national action and also managers of good boys. . . . I would like to hear from amateur boxers, trainers, clubs, promoters all over the country.

IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

By BILL WALSH

IRISH MICKEY DOYLE decisioned Cliff Beckett, Sudbury, Canada, 154, in a slow 10 round main event at Idora Park, Youngstown. Doyle, at 157, had a 3 pound pull in the weights. Beckett was forced to the ropes in every round but always managed to slip away from Doyle's punches. Only one solid punch was landed in 10 rounds, and that came in round 9 when Doyle crashed a beautiful right to Beckett's jaw that staggered the Canadian. Doyle was slow to follow up when his opponent was hurt and lost his chanee.

2200 fans paid $3,912.00 to see 38 rounds of boxing.

The prelims follow:—

Bill Grumbacher, Youngstown, 158¾, won over Jack Biddle, 156¾, New Castle, Pa., 6.

Bobby Timpson, Youngstown, 134, decisioned Lee Bohles, Cleveland, 128¾, 6.

Shed Bell, Youngstown, 165, KO'ed Hank Claypool, Cleveland, 165¼, in 2.

Joe Biro, Youngstown, 206¾, decisioned Art Boykins, 201½, Kent, Ohio, 4.

Emil Tanner, 134½, Youngstown, and "The Chocolate Kid" drew, 4.

Noel Wayne, 180, Niles, O., KO'ed Jack Williams, 173, Akron, in 2.

Mike Birskovich traveled to Detroit and scored a win over Billy Bengal. Bengal was disqualified for "defensive holding" in the 9th round.

Frankie Muche appeared on the same card and the Niles lightweight chalked up his second pro win.

Leroy Jackson, Cleveland's leading featherweight, has gone West, and is now boxing in Los Angeles. Jackson won his first two starts at this writing.

Jack Thompson, Warren, O., fight manager, worked in Joe D'Amato's corner in Brooklyn recently. Then came back and handled his own boys, Tommy Bracken over Willie Williams and Moe Harvey in a 2 round KO over Johnny Beasley.

Many Youngstowners were at ringside for the Zale-Graziano battle, and Youngstowners "got well" when Zale won by a kayo over Rocky.

Bobby Berry scored over Carman DeJohn at Canton, in a 10 round slugfest.

Jimmy Avon has opened his gym at 25th and Clark in Cleveland. Jimmy is calling it the "Avon Gym." The spot is the former location of the Forest City A.C.

Charlie Zivic, Johnny Villanova and Juste Fontaine, Fritzie Zivic's three outstanding youngsters, traveled to New Orleans. C. Zivic scored over Johnny Montabano, Johnny Villanova won over Lou Transparenti and Fontaine lost a decision to Chester Rico.

Two promoters are now operating in Akron, O., on a weekly basis. Youngstown has two promoters, but only two shows a month. Now Cleveland is getting another promoter and perhaps this will shake Matchmaker Larry Atkins up. Atkins is so full of himself and his own inflated ego that he wants to be a boxing czar of the mid-west, and the only operator in Cleveland. Before Atkins gets any more such ideas he should attend a little more to making matches and giving the customers their money's worth. Green and Secreet three times and Murray and Bivins for the fourth time. It's a good thing Murray injured his arm and had to call it off.

In Youngstown you can purchase your copy of THE RING Magazine at the Champion Confectionery Store, 26 So. Champion St.

Mike Birskovich, the Niles, O., middleweight, recently chalked up his 14th victory when he won over Billy Bengal at Detroit recently. Bengal was disqualified in the 9th round for holding. This was Birskovich's first bout away from Youngstown. His opponent Bengal, being a built-up prelim fighter, the crowd didn't turn out and only 939 paid a net of $1465.00 to see the bout. Birskovich in 16 fights won 14, lost 1 and drew 1, and has already fought four main events. Not bad for a youngster.

Bobby Timpson, Youngstown lightweight, rang up his tenth win in 11 starts when he licked Lee Bohles at Idora Park. This was the best fight on the card and Timpson's hardest win. Dave Marsh is the only fighter to score over Timpson.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

PROMOTER DAVE WHITE, Miami's genial and most capable fistic promoter, came up with a master stroke in sanctioning a welterweight tournament to determine the champion of the South. With so many claiming the mythical Southern bauble, Promoter White reckoned something should be done about the entire setup and he went to work. The chief plans involve THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, who will present the winner with a championship belt designating the lucky fighter as the Southland's number one man in his division. Besides his purse, the triumphant will receive from the promoter a thousand-dollar prize. To make this great show more authentic, White has asked THE RING Editor, through me, to serve as referee and make his unique presentation at the end of the ceremony. Nat has agreed. If this tourney is a success, then White will stage a middleweight tourney also. Southern managers should write to yours truly at 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida, for information on the tourney. Enclose photo and record of your fighter for publicity purposes. And to Promoter Dave White, good luck and congratulations on the best move made by any Southern boxing promoter.

Clyde "Flash" Gordon, Jacksonville youngster who is the talk of Miami fistic circles, did not win from the favored and more experienced Clarence "Cotton" King, but neither did he lose as their sweet ten-rounder held in Miami was a draw. King was lucky to get the even break. The West Palm Beacher landed the best blow of the fight, a right to Clyde's chin, but the chief fireworks occurred in the second and fourth rounds as both took and gave heavily. Gordon weighed 141½, King 143½. Meyer Siegel, Miami middleweight, took an eight-rounder from Jack Brazil in the semi-spot. Jack Patton, 160, was awarded the nod over Johnny Decker, 160, same city. Number of rounds not given. Irish Jackie Hogan, 140, won from Frank Kearney, 148; Frankie Fernley, 139, beat Eddie Duane, 132; Al Crowley, 175, stopped Fred Polluritti, 176, in the second heat. Dave White promoted.

The mythical Southern bantamweight title now belongs to Tampa's Orlando Fernandez, who wrested the wreath from dead game Joey Puig, also of Tampa. The two warriors battled it out for the entire distance of 12 rounds, a determined pair, one intending to capture the prize, the other aiming to keep the diadem. After the fight the loser, Puig, walked towards Fernandez to present him with the winning object, the belt, and collapsed as he held it out to his conqueror. Falling on his face in a faint, Puig was rushed to the hospital, after efforts to revive him. Joey is out of the hospital, but the cerebral hemorrhage has caused his ring retirement.

In other bouts, classy Lee Sala, middleweight from Donora, Pa., got another kayo for himself, and Johnny Dupree, Tampa, was the victim in round two. Lee is undefeated as a pro.

Johnny North, kayo artist, added Ferol Norris in the first round to his victims. Raul Moran, Cuban newcomer, made a good showing in knocking out Sonny Hope in the first round of a middleweight go. Frankie Weeks won from Chuck Armstrong in the opening four. Both slugged it out.

Miami and Tampa sports writers who cover the boxing shows can please their readers oh, so doggone much IF—they all publish the weights or division of the performing fighters.

In the best middleweight presentation offered Asheville, N. C., fans in years, Johnny Taylor, local pride, turned back Buddy Rose in the latter's third attempt to plant the Carolinian into Dreamland as he did on two previous occasions. Thus Taylor is open to square the series with Buddy in a fourth match. Taylor won this third tangle, a 10-rounder decision. The performers each tipped the beam at 160. In the semi, Bob Wingate was kayoed by Teet Montooth, both middleweights. Tom Kilpatrick stopped Bob Need in the fourth of a welter go. Don Bowman decisioned June Bowman in a featherweight four. Ed Sprouse kayoed Jim Hardin in the third. Sprouse at 130, was nine pounds heavier than Jim.

Buddy Holderfield, promising 144-pounder from Scott, Ark., made a good bid for fistic honors in decisioning Bobby McIntire of Detroit, 147, in a 10-rounder at Little Rock, Ark. . . . Sammy Adragna, Pittsburgh welter boxer, won a tenner over Ben Montabano of Birmingham, Ala., at New Orleans. . . . Both fights took place on September 23.

Using a left jab that was paying off on Joey Raymond's left eye, Jack Larrimore, Miami welterweight, scored a seven-round kayo over his Tampa opponent when the house medico, Dr. James McCormick, signalled enough for Joey. The Miamian weighed 142, the Tampan 139. In one of the card's best fights, Irish Jackie Hogan copped a six-rounder from Joey Smith, Jacksonville, in a slugging bee. Hogan weighed 139, Smith 133. Jack Brazil, Jacksonville, got the best of Buddy Best, Wilmington, N. C., in the eight-round semi. Both middleweights. Sam Santi, Miami, 149½, stopped Sonny Cotter, 148, Tampa, in the third heat. Frankie Fernley, 132, got a four-round decision over Jim Martino, Tampa, 130. Dave White promoted.

Vince Gambill, El Reno, Oklahoma, welterweight, made it five straight at the expense of Mike Gonzales, Cuban ringster, who was showing in the States for the first time. Gambill scored a kayo in the fourth round after the bell saved his opponent in the third. Vince, at 144, had a six-pound pull. Jack Patton and Buddy Rose, 160-pounders, fought a good draw with plenty of leather thrown by both. Manola Kid, 124, in his U. S. debut, made it a good one by taking an eighter from Joey Wasnick, New Haven 132-pounder. Eddie Duane, 133, and Johnny Johnson, 134, went to a draw in four. Don Valineti, 146, kayoed Jim Hodges, 141, in the third heat.

Lee Sala, very promising Donora, Pa., middleweight, had a soft one in Gordon Ball of Asheville, N. C., and the undefeated protege of Pete Andrews scored another knockout. Ball fell in the third. He subbed for Guy Brown who did not show up. Floyd Shiflett, Cartersville, Ga., lightweight, spotted Eddie Kiernan about ten pounds and won again from him in eight rounds. Sid Rochester, 144, stopped another substitute, Sailor George Allen, in three. In the opener, Harry Hamilton kayoed Mark Burke in three heats. Allen subbed for Johnny Breitenbruck. A battle royal between Negro boys opened. This here was a Savannah card.

Clarence "Cotton" King, West Palm Beach boxer, saw what would have been an easy victory go into defeat for himself as Referee Sy Godfried disqualified the Cotton Top in favor of Jack Larrimore via the foul route. Larrimore, 142, was staggered in the third round by King's lefts and rights until the latter sent one way down in foul territory. Jack went down and was given a five minutes' rest. In the fourth King began where he left off and Godfried intervened and awarded Larrimore the scrap. King tipped 146.

In the semi ten, Diego Sosa, Havana, Cuba, lightie, making his initial start in the States, turned back Floyd Shiflett, Georgia 130-pounder. Sosa is one of Cuba's best ring stars. The Manola Kid, another Cuban importation, 124, won a split decision in eight rounds over the ever-pleasing Baby Joe Diaz of Tampa. The card was promoted by Dave White. Diaz weighed 130. Frankie Fernley, 131½, kayoed Billy Black in the second round. Billy Grimm, 140, stopped Jerry Duane, 140, in the third when Duane could not answer the bell for that round.

Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight, who is being handled by the veteran Al Lang, won his invading Northern debut in the six-round semi to the Sonny Horne-Aaron Perry headliner. This win recorded number 19 straight for Al Lang's prospect.

Jerry Coursol, Billy Moore to Florida fight fans, another Al Lang comer, is doing good work in Northern rings and will be back in sunny Miami for the season. This here welterweight is one of the classiest young ring stars in the game.

Bobby Britton, former welterweight threat, though not the same Bobby of a few years back, is still able fo cope with the younger blood down around Miami way. He has turned in over a half dozen straight victories since his comeback.

Carl Knowles, a good Georgia light-heavy some years back, is on the comeback trail and with a 10-round decision in his favor over Eddie Steele at Rome, Ga., Carl still has some of that ring savvy left in his system. The fight was hard and close.

Floyd Shiflett, Cartersville lightweight, made short work of Frenchy Demers, scoring a two-round knockout over the Fort Benning soldier. Billy Hannon won a six-round welterweight decision over K. O. Billy Dixon of Macon.

Eddie Steele, Macon, pounded out a 10-round decision over Kayo Garvin in the feature at Columbus, Ga. Sid Rochester stopped Charlie Morrison of Jacksonville in the sixth. Floyd Shiflett put the stopper on Eddie Webb, another Jaxon, in the fifth, while Billy Hannon put it over on Kayo Billy Dixon, also in the fifth. Shiflett and Webb are lightweights. Rochester, a welter, had some weight advantage over Morrison. Hannon and Dixon are welters.

Eddie "Red" Cameron, Miami ex-footballer, successfully boxing and gaining recognition as a glove tosser, added Tom Sharkey, Jacksonville heavyweight, to his winnings in dealing the ex-sailor a kayo in the sixth. Cameron had Sharkey down three times. Red tipped 186, Tom 176½.

In a middleweight clash, Bobby Britton, Miami body puncher, was awarded a close verdict over Jack Patton. Two of the judges gave it to Bobby, Referee Eddie Coachman said a draw, and the Miami *Herald* writer, Matty Matthews, scored for Patton. It was that close. Eddie Duane won a lightweight affair from Bob Davis in four. Johnny Jackson kayoed John Meeks in a good scrap. Both are lightweights. Irish Jackie Hogan defeated Knute "Buster" Baker in a welterweight go in six. In the Britton-Patton fight the bout went the ten rounds.

Rene Cantero, Tampa welter, defeated Al Reid, Greenwood, S. C., in the ten-round main event at Savannah, Ga. Elmer Smith, Savannah middleweight prospect, scored his fifth straight pro win in turning Red Douglas over to the cleaners with a five-round kayo. Johnny Breitenbruck, Parris Island marine, again showed to good advantage by checking in a two-round stopper over Ray Jackson of Tampa in a middleweight scrap. "Fag" Simmons, Savannah, and Irish Pat Keeley put on a good fight, with Simmons scoring a four-round kayo in a lightie match. Lee Sala, classy and good puncher from Donora, Pa., kept his winning ways stretching with another knockout to his credit. Steve Sloneski, Savannah, was the victim in two.

Vince Gambill, popular El Reno, Okla., welter, finally went down to defeat at the hands of Juan Villalba after racking up five straight wins before Miami fans. The Havana lad threw a right-hander that caught the Oklahoma cowboy on the button and dropped him for a six-count. Then in the second and third sessions, Villalba again scored with lefts and rights that placed Vince on deck, and those planters were what gave Juan the victory margin. The winner was outweighed by seven pounds. Frankie Santoras kayoed Ben Gaydash in the second of a semi. Both are heavies. Irving Marcus beat Ralph Hughes in a middleweight sixer. Jim Rodriguez, 120, stopped Nick Decker, 124, in the fourth round.

Jackie Cranford, heavyweight hope from Washington, D. C., stopped in Charleston long enough to knock out Carlisle Thompson of Anderson, S. C., in the fourth round.

In the semi spot of eight rounds the scrap between Johnny Breitenbruck of Parris Island and Sonny Cotter of Tampa was short-lived as Breitenbruck kayoed his Florida foe in the third. Both are heavy welters. One of the best fights of the evening was between Doc Denaux of Charleston and Ray Teeder of Tampa. After putting his opponent on the canvas four times, Denaux made it for good with a fifth down.

Sammy Reid of Greenwood, S. C., kayoed Bob Roddy of Tampa in the second. Gene Carlisle of Charlotte, N. C., and Woody Woodcock of Charleston put on a slam-banger in their sixer, and Woodcock garnered a close nod.

After Promoter Dave White insisted on punishment by the Miami Boxing Commission upon Heavyweight Larry Crawford, whom Dewey Fragetta sent from Brooklyn on the pretext of being a good fighter and opponent for Buddy Knox, Commissioner Warren Weimer fined the Brooklyner only $50 for his poor showing against the Ohio heavy. Knox scored a "knockout" in the first round at Miami.

The eight-round semi saw Joey Smith, Jacksonville, and Manola Kid, Havana, Cuba, tussle in a fight that had the Kid taking the last round to cop the duke. Both are lighties. Irish Jackie Hogan, now in winning form, decisioned Ray Delgado of Tampa in six. Johnny Decker surprised by stopping Jack Patton in the third round of an eighter. The boys are middleweights. Dave White promoted.

A veteran, Guy Brown, pulled the unexpected by knocking out Johnny Taylor of Asheville, N. C., in the fourth round of Promoter Ted Ball's offering in the North Carolina city. Taylor, way ahead on points, went down from a smashing right to the stomach. Brown, in stopping the popular Taylor gained more to add to his rep as he upset the dope the second time. Babe Saunders was his first victim by the decision route a few weeks previously. The boys are middleweights. Gordon Ball, a brother of the promoter, won a ten-rounder from Buddy Best in a 160-pound-each match. Gordon dropped Buddy twice for counts in the seventh and eighth, but could not keep the loser down for keeps. Mel Cameron, 145, defeated Dick Driver in a sixer. Tom Kilpatrick, 148, kayoed Pug Nelson, 146, in four.

Al Nettlow is no longer promoting in Jacksonville. Al has folded up his tent and at present is in Miami. Poor matchmaking was the cause of his failure.

A correction—We stated that Cowboy Bill Petersen split decisions with Billy Moore. Petersen lost both times to the classy Moore.

At New Orleans, Chester Rico, weighing 141, won in a ten-rounder over Juste Fontaine, 137.

At Louisville, Ky., Al Gaulteri, 130, Pittsburgh, beat Dick Cook in a tenner. Dick hit 128½.

At Memphis, Tenn., Mike Raffa, former high-ranking and heavy-punching featherweight, 126, defeated Johnny Gebert, 127, New Yorker, in the feature ten.

Pietro Gorgi, former light-heavyweight contender, who mingled with the best in that company some years ago, is back in the fight game at Miami, where he trains the boys. "Pete" looks in excellent health. He served with Uncle Samuel's Army.

Al Reid took the measure of Wade Allison by a four-round kayo. Both are welterweights.

Gene Carlisle, lightweight, was a three-round T.K.O. winner over Robert Wade. Harry Fowler, 140, kayoed Ep Arwood, 135, in the third. Tommy Nolan, 126, decisioned Bascom Bradley, 127, in four rounds. Gene Stone, 145, stopped Gene Harmon, 145, in the first. Raymond Lancaster won a three-round bout from Freddie Nolan in a con-

test between little youngsters around the 100-pound mark.

Al Reid, 144, took a ten-round decision from N. H. "Kid" Crosby, 148, at Spartanburg, S. C., on September 27. Reid carried the fight and had Crosby down for an eight-count in the final heat. Chief Jackson, 123, stopped Bascom Bradley, 127, in the third with punishing blows to the face and closed one of Bradley's optics. Eddie Stout, 135, kayoed Sammy Reid in the third round of a lightie go. Punchy Cameron took a four-rounder from Hobart Vanderford. Raymond Lancaster took a three-round decision from Kid Pearson, between two little mites.

Billy Dyer, Savannah middleweight, and Babe Saunders, North Carolina, fought to a draw in a ten-rounder at Savannah, September 30. Larry Lynn, Tampa welter, surprised by decisioning Sid Rochester, Georgia, in the six-round semi. Al Young got a four-round stopper over Harry Hamilton. Whitey McCoy got a six-round kayo over Eddie Fox. Georgie Murphy, Jacksonville, won from Sailor Georgie Allen when the latter was kayoed in the first round. Allen's purse was held up by the commission. Both are middleweights.

Boxers who would like to show in Florida should contact yours truly. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida. Send record and a photo along, please, in your first letter. Boxing news and results likewise.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

PROFESSIONAL boxing returned to Fairmont, W. Va., on September 24, when Promoters Hosey Wyer and Marshall Lupo presented the up-state citizens with a fine card of glove slinging.

Henry Jackson, 160, Morgantown, iced away Ray Brown, a none-too-good middleweight from Pittsburgh, in the first canto. The main mixup had hardly gotten under way when Jackson, a very good puncher, tagged the agile Brown with a flurry of rights and lefts that sent him down for the count.

Speedy Williams, 180, knocked out Bill Weeks, 173, in two rounds of the slated six-frame windup. Alex Arella, 160, blasted out Bobby Burton, 158 (4). Kenny Moore, 208, iced Young Coleman, 195, in the first frame. Johnny Addichio, 158, flashed much form in stopping game Billy Seller, 155, in the third.

Joey Testa, Fairmont middleweight, is now being handled by your writer. Joe has boxed some of the best and is in great condition.

Kinney Moore, local heavy, just out of the service, looms as a great prospect. Kinney won his first fight via a K.O. in the first stanza.

After training on points for a few rounds, Sparky Reynolds, transplanted Indianapolis welter, came to life and registered an eight-round T.K.O. over Benton Cobbins of Cincinnati at Radio Center Arena on September 9. Cobbins was down in the seventh and again in the eighth chukker from a ripping overhand right, and a third time just before the bell ended the eighth. When the bell rang for the following canto Cobbins was unable to continue, thus Reynolds was awarded the duke via T.K.O. Weights: Reynolds, 147; Cobbins, 145½.

Tommy Saunders, flashy Fairmont welter, continued his winning way by icing Bob Calloway, 147, Cincinnati, in the semi-windup. This marks the fourth straight win for the up-state biffer since making his professional bow a few weeks ago.

A special six-rounder featuring Ollie Cobbins, 129, Cincinnati, and Willie Jones, 127, Gary, Ind., proved to be a real show stealer, with the judges calling the scrap a draw at the conclusion.

In other bouts: Arnold Deer, 160, bested Willie Jackson, 159 (6). Ralph Rogers, 124, decisioned Johnny Howard, 127 (4). Show was promoted by Dick Pogue, Jack Sheppard and Dick Deutsch, with Johnny Bates handling the referee chores.

Prospect of the Month—Kenney Moore, heavyweight.

Jack Rowsey, middleweight, is back in the gym and will be in action by the time this goes to press. Jack is now a member of the Huntington police department.

Between Rounds—Joey Testa, Fairmont biffer, is out of the service and clamoring for action. . . . Custer Perry is associated with a pro club in Asheville, N. C. . . . Perry was a good boxer a few years back, having served under Joe Gould during the Braddock era. . . . Buddy Rose, a Mountain State middleweight, is now campaigning through the Eastern states. . . . Note to J. H., Wheeling: Pedro Lopez (Otis Gardner) passed away in Huntington some years back. . . . Gib Jones, Ed Johnson's courageous middleweight, is originally from Dawes, West Va. . . . Gib really has a fighting heart. . . . There is a scarcity of RING Magazines in this section. . . . The few copies sent here each month are sold out a few minutes after delivery. . . . SOS, Fleischer. . . . Bob Turner, Norfolk, middleweight, is planning a comeback.

Billy Mason, local puncher, recently entered a veterans' hospital in North Carolina. Bill was stricken with tuberculosis.

Charley Banks, clouting Cincinnati middleweight, burned up plenty of energy in trying to catch Walter "Speedy" Duval, 162, of Philadelphia, in the top bill at Huntington, September 25. Charley easily walked away with the decision.

Tommy Saunders, 147, Fairmont, continued his winning streak by giving Larry Janke, 145, Cincinnati, a neat boxing lesson in the semi-final. This marks the sixth straight win for the up-state pugilist.

Johnny Protan, 118, decisioned Ralph Rogers, 118, for the state bantamweight title in the other six. There was action galore in this bout from the opening bell, with Protan holding the edge throughout.

Al Ingram, 136, measured Andy Redman, 138, in the fourth chukker of a hard-fought contest. This was a close contest until Ingram, a really hard walloper, caught the East End "cutie" with a right cross early in the fourth.

The Wheeling Sportsman Club, with George K. Brown and Jack Sheppard at the helm, opened the winter season at the Market Auditorium, September 30. The card consisted of three eights and three fours, and was action-packed from the opening prelim.

Tommy Saunders, 147, Fairmont, topped the show against tough Jimmy Wilson, 148, Cincinnati. Tommy walked away with the duke, having very little trouble with the Eddie Johnson protege. The lone knockdown, scored by Saunders in the sixth, proved to be one of the most exciting moments of the melee, with the bell coming to Wilson's rescue after the referee had tolled eight.

Sterling Willey, 136, came from behind to score a surprising two-round kayo over Al Ingram, 136, in a scrap labeled for the State lightweight title. Howard Faulkiner, 145, Moundsville, stopped game Art Shipley, 145, Cincinnati, in the sixth frame. Johnny Bierce and Johnny Howard were featured in one of the supporting four-rounders, with Bierce gaining the nod. These boys are featherweights.

In the opener, Red Vineyard, 165, K.O.'ed Johnny Guzer, 160, in the second heat.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

ARCHIE HINDMAN, State Athletic Commission chairman, has been appointed regional co-ordinator of the National Boxing Association at their recent meeting in Cleveland. The appointment was made by Abe Greene, president of the NBA.

Hindman's duties will be to represent Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky at national headquarters and to make decisions on fighting matters within that region. This is Hindman's first year as Indiana boxing czar but Greene said he appointed him because of his knowledge of boxing, ability and youth. He is the youngest commissioner belonging to the N.B.A.

Like most states, commission members in Indiana are politically appointed but Hindman has improved boxing throughout the state, is tremendously popular and well liked by promoters, boxing writers and fight managers.

Tommy Byron, a light-heavyweight southpaw, came here from Minneapolis and has won twelve straight bouts most of them by kayoes. Al Johnson, one of Indianapolis' most promising light-heavies, won the Army's Pacific area middleweight boxing championship in the Marianas and since his discharge has won ten straight pro bouts. Buster Miles, welterweight; Elmo Latta, featherweight; Milton Bess, welterweight; Allen Small, heavyweight; and Buddy Jones, welterweight, are others who show much promise of developing into good fighters.

Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis welterweight, came from behind to stop Cleveland Brown, Cincinnati, at 1:56 of the eighth round of a scheduled ten at the local Armory. In that round Reynolds dropped Brown for a nine count, then followed up quickly with his soporific punch a few seconds later. Reynolds weighed 145, Brown 148.

Tommy Byron, 178, Indianapolis, marked up his 12th straight triumph here by knocking out Arnold Deer, 164, also local, with a solar plexus punch in the first round of a semi-final six.

Willie Jones, Gary featherweight, took a well-earned decision over Oliver Cobbins, Newport, Ky., after five fast rounds.

Jack Beatty, Cincinnati middleweight, kayoed Salty Wade, Indianapolis, in two rounds, and Jim Chaney, Indianapolis, knocked out Red Arnold, Charlotte, N. C., middleweight, in three rounds.

The David McAllister American Legion Post of Lawrenceburg, Ind., staged a boxing show at the Fairgrounds there, featuring a bout between Chas. Banks, Cincinnati, O., light-heavyweight, and Tom Woodard of Columbus, O. Banks won by a TKO in nine rounds. George Eschman decisioned Curley Denton, 160, Cincinnati, in the six round semi-windup.

This is another new boxing town opened in Indiana largely through the efforts of the State Athletic Commission, which is trying to popularize boxing in other cities besides Indianapolis. Hammond, Ft. Wayne, Richmond, Michigan City and now Lawrenceburg are staging boxing shows in the Hoosier state.

J. D. Turner, Dallas heavyweight, came to Indianapolis with some press clippings showing he had gone ten rounds with Billy Conn, but left here with some unfavorable comment after he was kayoed by Colion Chaney, local heavy, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten at the Armory. Turner, who didn't land a glove on his opponent was down in the second, fourth and fifth rounds from explosive Chaney punches. The Texan was also guilty of throwing numerous low punches. Chaney, who attempted to make a fight of it, weighed 188, Turner 239.

Tommy Byron, Indianapolis light-heavy, won a six round decision from Frank Rand, Camp Atterbury. Byron, a southpaw packing a wallop in his left fist, had Rand on the deck four times during the bout.

Buster Miles, local welter, knocked out Buddy Jones, also local, in the fourth round.

Salty Wade, local middle, decisioned Johnny Bryant, local, and Jim Chaney pounded out a decision over Bob Caine, the two being local middleweights.

RING SCRAPS: Jim Chaney, local middleweight regarded as a good prospect in his division, is a brother of Colion Chaney, Indianapolis heavyweight. . . . Gary, Indiana, boxing fans staged a gigantic celebration for Tony Zale on his return from New York following the trouncing he handed Rocky Graziano. . . . The State Athletic Commission has declared the state light-heavy title to be open since Tommy Charles has not been active in local rings for several months. At this writing Al Jolson and Tommy Byron had been signed to fight for the state toga. . . . Hammond, Ind., featured a Jimmy Joyce-Tiger Ted Weems bout sponsored by the Beth-el Men's Club. Joyce won by a KO in three rounds. . . . Willard Reed, state heavy champ, has been inactive since last May. Two logical challengers for his crown are Bill Peterson of Indiana Harbor and Colion Chaney of Indianapolis. . . . This corner's address is 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3.

PROFILE: (No. 16 in a series of interviews with local fight figures.) Gene Bland at 29 years of age is one of the youngest fight managers in the boxing game today. Known as Tiny Bland, he campaigned in the heavyweight pro ranks for several seasons with much success, then turned his talents to coaching amateurs. Bland, who stands 6 ft. 3 ins. and weighs 265 pounds, has an amateur team that has been undefeated in 36 starts with teams in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. He served a hitch in the navy during World War II and on his release added a few pro fighters to his stable. Bland attended Butler University where he was a regular on the football and basketball teams. One of his pro boxers, Tommy Byron, a terrific punching southpaw light-heavyweight, is one of the best prospects in local rings. His biggest asset is his ability to coach youngsters in boxing, who frequent his gym at the South Side Community Center. Bland is employed at P. R. Mallorys, a local industrial plant.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

FRANK CAHILL, Louisville promoter, came up with an action packed card for his first indoor show of the season when he presented Al Gaulteri, Pittsburgh lightweight handled by Sammy Angott, in the feature event against Dick Cook of Peoria, Ill. Gaulteri and Cook had the 3000 fans in an uproar throughout their ten rounds of give-and-take. Gaulteri won the decision.

Charley Baxter, Cincinnati crowd-pleasing Negro lightweight, cut short the eight round semi-final by dropping Sammy Burch, Nashville, Tenn., Negro, in the second session for the full count. This was Baxter's second knockout victory in two Louisville appearances. A good set of four-round prelims opened the show with all but one ending by the K.O. route.

Fistic Footlights—Promoter Frank Cahill and his matchmaker, Walter Buckrop, plan to run regular cards during the indoor season and have a number of cards featuring "name" fighters in the making. . . . Ed "Happy" Davis is managing the Derbytown Gym, Louisville's training quarters for boxers recently opened by the local club. . . . Davis is also training Bob Garner, local Negro light-heavy ace, managed by McKay Bonner. . . . Fighters of all weights who want action around here and at nearby clubs may get started by sending photo and record to this writer if they are free from managerial connections, especially interested in amateurs with experience and ability wishing to turn pro. . . . My address: Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

SORRY for disappointing so many of our loyal readers during the past months. No sooner had we recovered from one illness, when we were again on the flat of our back with a siege of pneumonia and to add to our woes, a bad case of trench-mouth.

Well, we are up and about once more and are keeping our fingers crossed that no more ailments or undercurrent events crop up whereby we will fall down on our noble RING readers.

Herman Taylor started off with a bang with his indoor promotions at Convention Hall and the Arena. By the time this hits the newsstands, the readers of the Boxing Bible will have already been informed that Wesley Mouzon, our lightweight whirlwind, and Bobcat Bob Montgomery, the world lightweight king, engaged in their 15-round title duel at the massive Municipal Auditorium before a sellout audience. We say a sellout crowd for the simple reason that the tickets are already on sale and Alec Lerner, the Herman Taylor treasurer, reports a landoffice advance sale.

An oddity of the Mouzon-Montgomery fray is that Wesley has two managers and one of the pair happens to be the Bobcat's older brother, Tom Montgomery. The other half of the combination is Gene Buffalo, veteran welterweight, who had battled the cream of 147-pounders in his heyday.

Billy Fox, the wonder walloper, won all of his 41 engagements via the knockout route. Imagine that—entering the ring on 41 occasions to do battle with his rivals and leaving before the stipulated time was up with his foemen being counted out. Victim No. 41 was a local rival, Johnny Walker, himself a better than ordinary belter, who didn't last out the first round.

Blinky Palermo, who looks after the destiny of the dynamic punching Fox, expects to get Gus Lesnevich to defend his crown against Fox.

George LaRover, Rudy Gansky's pile driving lightweight, is doing remarkably well in all of his fights.

Hats off to one of the gamest gladiators we ever saw in action. Only out of the amateurs but a year, Otis Graham not only showed his courage against Dorsey Lay, an experienced rival, but he proved he could recuperate and fight back like a wounded tiger. In this fight, experience won. Lay got his plaudits for his ever-boring-in tactics and Graham for his extraordinary showing in the face of handicaps. Graham has the heart of a lion and the fighting instincts of a tiger.

Willie Weasel, the featherweight flyer, should be given to understand that his wallop is entirely too rough on Johnny Wolgast. Twice he *pole-axed* the Little Italy warrior. And when Weasel pops his foemen on the chin, they lose their equilibrium.

One of the younger generation of managers is Eddie Cipresso. He not only is well liked in the fistic circles but he also has proved he knows how to handle his leather pushers. Today, Cipresso has a grand stable of future greats. Among the better brand glovemen are Joe Falco, welterweight; Sante Bucca, lightweight; Joe Rodriquez, featherweight; and Lenny Richards, lightweight.

And our hat is off to that spectacular Jimmy Collins, the featherweight whirlwind. Collins is a fighter of perpetual motion. His fine performance against Archie Wilmer proves that Collins is one of the best showmen around. He is managed by the Herman Diamond-Jack Puggy combine.

Stan Frankel is the newest promoter licensed by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. He has staged several shows at the Broadwood Boxing Club, located in the heart of town, and each of his cards has proved to be highly interesting.

Jimmy Toppi is at his usual spot in the Met. Joe Wenke is the major domo of fistic activities at the College of Hard Knocks, the Cambria Club to you and you.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

HEADING the first indoor boxing show of the season, Al Highers, 140, Sherrill, N. Y., earned the unanimous eight-round decision over Shamus McRae, 139, Cleveland Negro, at the Brighton Theatre. A crowd of 1922 fans, almost capacity, paid $4000 to see the battles. Highers' final wallop, a thundering right to the jaw, dropped McRae to the canvas, Shamus gaining his feet just as the last bell tolled the end of the scrap.

All of the other bouts terminated in knockouts. Cliff Hart, 146¾, Syracuse comer, knocked out Bobby Grant, 146½, Pittsburgh, in 2:29 of the first round of the scheduled six-round semi-final. Nick Barone, 174, Syracuse sharpshooter, scored a technical kayo over Bobby Hynds, 163, Sherrill, in 1:41 of the third round. Eddie Pagan, 155, veteran Binghamton slugger, put away Bill Franklyn, 156, Albany, in 1:55 of the opening heat. Mickey Ferenza, 114½, Syracuse, flattened Dan Cowles, 119, Syracuse, in 1:08 of the initial session. Jimmy Evans, 133¾, Auburn, stopped Willie Vann, 136, Albany Negro, in 1:56 of the third round.

A correction: In the October edition of THE RING Magazine we stated: Chuck Bellanger won by a technical knockout over Johnny Rowe of Rochester in the fourth round at Johnson Field. We quoted from an AP dispatch. We later learned the contest terminated exactly opposite with Rowe the victor by a T.K.O. over Bellanger. Sorry, boys.

Albany presented a bang-up good card of bouts on September 23. Vinnie Vines, 154, Schenectady, scored a technical kayo over Carmen Casale, 156, Troy, before 4800 fans in the eighth round. In seven rounds of fast, punch-packed action, Vines opened a cut over the right eye of the Troy battler, who was unable to come out for the eighth heat. It was Casale's first defeat in twelve starts.

Results of other bouts on the Capitol City card: Young Chappie, 144, Albany, knocked out Bobby Bright, 147¼, Cleveland (1); Tony DiMicco, 172½, Troy, decisioned Jackson Bradley, 178½, Buffalo (6); Jackie Redcross, 133¼, Troy, kayoed Dick Manning, 127½, Baltimore (1); Harry Morrill, 158, Saratoga, T.K.O.'ed Walter Pintowski, 159½, Rutland, Vt. (2).

Eddie Reals, one time crack Syracuse feather, who was managed by Jersey Jones 15 years ago, was the victim of a serious automobile accident that has left him in bad shape. Eddie is just about able to get around.

Another widely-known boxer who is ailing is Cozy Storace, the Rome jumping-jack, one-time National amateur welterweight king. Cozy is undergoing treatment at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Batavia for a back injury received in service. As Casey Costello, Cozy served as boxing instructor in the Navy and was quartered at Key West, Florida.

Left Hooks—Quiet emanating from the offices of Onondaga Sports, Inc., the Paul Swiderski-Billy Leonard-C. M. Schindler combine, makes one wonder when these promoters will resume operation. . . . The trio was supposed to launch fall and winter boxing this month. . . . Boxers wishing to show in this section, and managers of fighters looking for work upstate are requested to contact us at 150 Linden Street until March 15, 1947. . . . We are building and this is our current temporary address. . . . Bob Kenefick, one-time sports editor of the old Syracuse *Journal*, is back in town after a season with the bangtails. . . . Bob is publicity director for the American Harness Racing Association.

Bobby Richardson, sensational Cleveland welterweight, will box in this sector under our direction in cooperation with Henry Feuerstein. . . . To all our correspondents: Moving set us back two weeks in our writing. If you haven't already heard from us, you will. . . . Tommy Burns, Binghamton fistic maestro, is representing a large number of mid-western fistic performers. . . . The Brighton Theatre, scene of the Central City Boxing Club operation, seats only 2000, but tickets are scaled to do $4000 and better. . . . What this club needs is the services of a good matchmaker. . . . Like old man river, Joey Kushner goes on and on. . . . The veteran 126-pound campaigner has scored eight knockouts in his last nine starts. . . . Irv Robbins has kept his stable busy and now has a private gym where only his own boxers can work out. . . . Babe Amos, one-time middleweight boxer, is angling for an indoor spot with the expectation of staging some big fights here this winter. . . . Cliff Hart, picture-build local welterweight, is being groomed for star bouts here. . . . Hugo Bonacci, rugged middleweight slugger, whose appearance guarantees spectacular action, is back in training after a layoff due to a severe cold.

Boxing is going bigger here than ever before. . . . Even preliminary boys, unknowns and rank amateurs, are packing them in. . . . Syracuse boxing is in the throes of a financial cycle such as it has not enjoyed in 20 years. . . . Located in the heart of Central New York, Syracuse is an ideal spot for any big athletic promotion. . . . We are lining up bouts for boxers in several upstate cities and will open our own club this winter. . . . More and more local boys are taking up the fistic game with indications that numerous local naturals are certain to crop up this winter.

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To insure the correct records of your fighters in THE RING Record Book for 1947, kindly forward to this office the complete record of your boys giving the following information to date pertaining to each bout:

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

KID RIVIERA stole the show on Promoter Hans Bernstein's first fistic thrill provider of the Fall season here in St. Louis at Kiel Auditorium on September 9. The Kid needed only eleven seconds to stop Billy Sullivan, a Chicago heavyweight, the eleven seconds including the toll of the fatal ten count.

The main event brought together Freddie Russo of Rahway, N. J., and Whistling Willie Roache of Wilmington, Del. The fight, which was not very interesting from the spectators' point of view, ended in a draw in ten rounds. It was a hit-and-hold affair, with Russo doing most of the grabbing and holding. Russo was dropped in the eighth round for a three-count, but was never at any time close to being K.O.'ed.

Full results of the card follow:

Main event—Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J., 132½, drew with Whistling Willie Roache, Wilmington, Del., 126½, in ten rounds. Jimmy Parker, referee.

Semi-windup—Jackie Dicker, St. Louis, 127, decisioned Butch Maxwell, 127¾, from Gary, Ind., in six rounds. Johnny (Pee Wee) Kaiser, referee.

Prelim—Mickey Savage, St. Louis, 141, outpointed Johnny Tabbs, St. Louis, 147, in six rounds. Kaiser, referee.

Prelim—Kid Riviera, St. Louis, 222½, knocked out Billy Sullivan, Chicago, 188, in the first round of a scheduled six-round affair. Time, eleven seconds. Bob Ingham, referee.

Prelim—Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, 162½, defeated Darby Dan, St. Louis, 175¼, in six rounds. Ingham, referee.

The attendance at this fight was 2656, with a gate of $5335.30. Judges were Gene Farrel and Al Graff.

At Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 4, on a card promoted by Gabe Kaufman, Darby Dan of St. Louis, 176¾, slugged his way to an eight-round decision win over John Riley of Oklahoma City, 169, in a one-sided bout. In other fights Deacon Logan, St. Louis, 161, stopped Larry Zeno, 157½, of Kansas City. Bo Davis, Kansas City, 136½, outpointed Curtis Smith, 142, of St. Louis. Ray Augustus, 181½, of Topeka, Kas., disposed of Francis Levier, 192, Dallas, Texas, in one round. Jackie Darthard, 150, Kansas City, won on a T.K.O. over Oree Smith, 148, St. Louis, in the second round. Dave Riley, 142¾, St. Louis, outpointed Vert Gibson, 144, of Kansas City, in eight rounds.

Pro boxing returned to Springfield, Mo., with a bang after a lapse of seven years, when Promoter Miles Walker presented his first show on Sept. 16. The show grossed $1800. In the sixers, Larry Zeno of Kansas City stopped Fred Gosham of Springfield in one round in a middleweight bout. Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, decisioned Raymond Young, Kansas City, in six in another middleweight bout. Howard Jackson, 118, Kansas City, decisioned Eddie Dames, 124, St. Louis. In the four-rounders, Dutch Walsworth, Springfield, decisioned Oliver Johnson of St. Louis, featherweights. Roy Cox, New Orleans, decisioned Otha Brandon, St. Louis, in four, welterweights. In another six-round bout Eddie Carr, Kansas City, decisioned Terry Thompson, St. Louis, lightweights.

Promoter Ed Leary presented his third fistic attraction at Kiel Auditorium on Sept. 17 with Charley Riley facing Filberto Osario. It was the second meeting of the two with Osario getting the nod on a split decision in the initial bout. In winning this ten-rounder, Riley displayed killer instinct, when he out-punched, out-fought and out-slugged the rugged Cuban.

In the action packed semi-windup, Boe Davis of Kansas City, Mo., gave the fans a thrill when he stopped Art Cooper, the St. Louis lightweight, in six punch-filled rounds. The 3437 fans who contributed to a gross gate of $5289.40 were treated to a solid evening of fighting.

Complete results of the card follow:

Main event—Charley Riley, 127, St. Louis, outpointed Filberto Osario, 123½, Cuba, in ten rounds. Dick Young, referee.

Semi-windup—Boe Davis, 137½, Kansas City, Mo., knocked out Art Cooper, 136½, of St. Louis, in six rounds. Kessler, referee.

Co-feature windup—Chico Morales, 124, Cuba, decisioned Fred Latson, 127, St. Louis, in eight rounds. Kessler, referee.

Prelim—Kid Riviera, 225, St. Louis, stopped "Cyclone" Lynch, 208½, of Denver in three rounds. Tommy Sullivan, referee.

Curtain raiser—Hal Guss, 185, St. Louis, knocked out Charley Martin, 181, Kansas City, in three rounds. Sullivan, referee. Judges, Al Graff and Bob Dana.

Charlie Gould is doing a swell job of publicity for Boxing Promoter Ed Leary.

Voris Mohler has severed connections with the Central Gym on Market street and is moving into St. Leo's new athletic quarters, which is about ready to get under way. Father Shockley, the Reverend at St. Leo's, is the guiding hand of the new athletic venture. He is very sports-minded.

Right Crosses—Harry Eagles has at last been granted his permit to promote boxing shows here in St. Louis. With three promoters plying their trade here this fall and winter, St. Louis should be in for some solid evenings of "Sock". . . . Billy DeFoe of Houston, Texas, has a very promising stable of fling and flail artists. . . . Dan Buckley of Peoria is making rapid strides in getting his stable of glove artists rounded into condition. . . . Joe French of Louisville, Ky., has a good heavyweight, Buddy Cansler, who fought his way to a Golden Glove title and has scored 22 wins out of 26 starts. He has 14 knockouts among his victories. . . . Eddie Davis of Los Angeles has acquired the contract of another heavyweight, Glover "Chief" Zotegh. . . . Bob Foxworth of East St. Louis, Ill., is still paralyzing them in Chicago, where he has settled to further his boxing career. His latest, on September 12, was a three-round knockout in Chicago of Charles Polk of Chicago. Polk weighed in at 170½ and Foxworth tipped the beams at 179½.

On the September 23rd boxing card promoted by Leon (Hans) Bernstein at the Auditorium, Phil Terranova made a hit by beating "Whistling" Willie Roache in ten rounds. He thrilled the fans with his fast, excellent performance. Both boys trying to tear each other apart, they stood on each other's toes and slugged away.

Of Willie Roache, it must in all fairness be said that he is one of the gamest and most aggressive fighters ever to show here and he has earned his place of honor with the St. Louis fans.

Complete results of the card follow:

Main Event—Phil Terranova, 130½, New York, decisioned Whistling Willie Roache, 127½, Wilmington, Del., in ten rounds. Herb Kranz, referee.

Semi-windup—Jackie Dicker, 127½, St. Louis, outpointed Eddie Carr, 132, Kansas City, Mo., in six rounds. Palmer, referee.

Prelim—Mickey Savage, 142½, St. Louis, won by a decision over Vert Gibson, 145½, Kansas City, in six heats. Palmer, referee.

Prelim—Jerry Marshall, 165, St. Louis, won on points from Arnold (Blackie) Deer, 164½, Muncie, Ind. Jim Parker, referee.

Curtain raiser—John Gulley, 167, St. Louis, won with a TKO over Salty Wade, 161½, of Minneapolis. Parker, referee. Judges, Gene Farrel and Al Graff. Gross gate, $9,333.50.

News of interest to readers of this column must reach the writer no later than the last of the month. Send items to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., De Soto, Missouri. I would also like to receive autographed photos to add to my fast growing collection of prominent fighters. Fighters and managers wishing to contact St. Louis promoters get in touch with the writer.

BOXING IN MAINE

By LINDSEY L. MEADER

GROSS receipts from Maine boxing shows for the fiscal year of 1946 were more than double that of any previous year, the State Boxing Commission reports. Largest gross for a single exhibition was derived from the Portland bout between former Maine Welter Champ, Eddie Letourneau, of Sanford, and Bill Tordiglione, of Boston.

Fight results over the state were:

At Waterville: Roger Whynott, 150, Halifax, N. S., drew with Buddy Brown, 150, Boston, in 8. Ken Thayer, 175, of Bangor, won over Wendell Gallant, 175, Skowhegan, in 6. Eddie Turner, 175, Bangor, flattened Ted Savasuk, 168, Waterville, in 3. Young Norman, 150, Oakland, drew with Jim Petty, 150, Boston, in 6. Mack Proctor, 126, Waterville, kayoed Dick Pennell, 130, Waterville, in 1. Gil Roy, 128, Waterville, decisioned Babe Vigue, 126, Waterville, in 4, and Al Blanchard, 126, Cambridge, Mass., flattened Al Simard, 128, Lewiston, in 2.

At Boston: Al (Red) Priest, 156½, Cambridge, took the New England middleweight boxing title from Coley Welch, 159¾, Portland, when he won a unanimous 12 round decision from the Maine lad at the Boston Garden.

At Lewiston: Al Coutoure, 147, Lewiston, flattened Al Michaud, 147, Lisbon, in 3. Tony Cook, 144½, Portland, flattened Babe Quirion, 146, Waterville, in 1. Jimmy Dinardo, 133, Berlin, N. H., kayoed Ray Fortin, 130½, Lewiston, in 5. Harry Wong, 140, Portland, knocked out Bob Cummings, 136, Lisbon, in 1. Norm Bennett, 149, Auburn, flattened Nap James, 144, Portland, in four, and Young Porter, 128½, Rockland, outpointed Billy Sheridan, 127, Portland, in 4.

At Bangor: Clint Perry, 160, Hyannis, Mass., decisioned Frankie Anderson, 161, Portland, in 8. Johnny Marra, 158, Boston, flattened Bob Varney, 150, Hampden, in 2. Eddie Turner, 170, Bangor, kayoed Tippy Larsen, 168, Rockland, in 2. In 4 round openers, Johnny Ewer, 169, Old Town, lost a decision to K.O. Brown, 164, Pittsfield, and Young Green, 152, Bangor, won over Artie Wooster, 154, Rockland.

At Waterville: Jerry Boisvert, 157, Lewiston, knocked out Dom Sinibaldi, 156, Berlin, in 4. Al Tanguay, 150, Lewiston, kayoed Phil Roy, 150, Berlin, in 4. Ed Perrault, 126, Berlin, won over Dave Shade, 118, Lewiston, in 4. Jimmy Dinardo, 142, Berlin, flattened Eddie Gagnon, 147, Lewiston, in 1, and Flash Vigue, 121, Waterville, outpointed K.O. Lacroix, 126, Waterville, in 4.

At Lewiston: Henry Briere, 133½, Putnam, outpointed Corky Davis, 137, Worcester, in 8. Norm Bennett, 149, Lewiston, drew with Billy Bernier, 147½, Auburn, in 6. Leon Leblond, 136, Lisbon, won over Al Briere, 134, Putnam, in 6. Mickey Dillon, 132, Portland, flattened Jim Peterson, 128½, Worcester, in 2. Leo LaPearl, 129½, Worcester, won over Chick Cloutier, 129, Brunswick, in 4.

At Hartford, Conn.: Maine Lightweight Champ, Maurice LaChance, 136, Lisbon, took the worst beating of his career when he was kayoed in 3 rounds by World's Feather Champ, Willie Pep, 129½, Hartford, at the Auditorium here.

At Brunswick: Al Michaud, 146, Lisbon, knocked out Maine welter titlist, Maurice Beauchene, 143, Brunswick, in the 7th of a scheduled 8 round non-title match. In the semi-final, Bob Pooler, 138, Portland, drew with Paul Leblond, 137, Lisbon, in 6. The prelims: Al Marquis, 144, Brunswick, flattened Cliff Babcock, 144, Gardiner, in 1. Bob Paradis kayoed Red Roy, 141, Lewiston, in 1, and Al Quellette, 143, Brunswick, stopped Jackie Scott, 138, Lewiston, in 1.

At Lewiston: Fern Pelletier, 144, Lewiston, knocked out Red Cap Cooper, 150, Springfield, in 2. Norm Bennett, 150, Auburn, flattened Billy Bernier, 145½, Lewiston, in 4. Chick Cloutier, 129, Brunswick, decisioned Jackie Scott, 132, Lewiston, in 4. Bobby Westgay, 125, Lewiston, kayoed Young Martin, 125½, Lewiston, in 2, and Roland Fournier, 135, Brunswick, won over Young Smith, 131½, Bowdoinham, in 4.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

IN a sensational eight-round main event staged at the Civic Auditorium, Carl "Kid Bobo" Olson, local 18-year-old middleweight wildcat, scored his 17th consecutive victory over stateside importation Jackie Ryan of California. Olson was awarded a T.K.O. victory in the sixth round when Ryan, bleeding profusely from a gash above his left eye, was unable to answer the bell.

Carl Olson, coming in at 156 against Ryan's 147¾, really won the fight in the first few seconds of the first round. Carrying a big weight advantage Carl tore into his opponent from the opening gong and landed a steaming right to the chin which took everything out of his lighter adversary. Ryan went crashing to the floor. He got up instinctively at the count of three, staggered and fell again and took another two count before coming up. Before the round was over he had gone down two more times for counts of four and five. How Ryan ever survived the round will remain a mystery.

Ryan never fully recovered from this disastrous first round. In the third he tried to make a fight of it by taking the offensive but his punches lacked steam and his attack quickly fizzled. Olson, on the other hand, seemed to get stronger as the rounds progressed and was punching Ryan at will just before the fight was stopped. Ryan went down once more near the end of the fifth round.

The fight, promoted by Leo Leavitt, drew 3,300 fans for a gross take of $5,314.25.

Other results: Benny Mactagone, 141½, pounded out a win over Llewellyn Strohlin, 139⅛, in the six-round semi-windup. Mariano Canales, 139⅜, decisioned Eddie Salazar, 139½, in four rounds. Victor Sagpang, 126¾, making a comeback, won a hard earned decision over Kid Waianae, 125⅝, in four rounds.

In the opener Delfin Delos Santos, 107¼, knocked out George Tanaka, 112¼, in the fourth.

Frankie Fernandez, welterweight boxing champion of the Islands, is the toast of the town. The undefeated champion, who has never lost a fight here as an amateur or professional, successfully defended his crown, scoring one of the greatest victories of his short ring career when he TKO'ed Nick Moran, rugged and game Mexican scrapper, in the 7th round. This was Frankie's eleventh consecutive professional victory, of which nine have been kayoes.

A gathering of 15,095 fans, the largest boxing crowd in the history of the Islands, paid $38,551.50 (a new record high) to witness the one-sided affair. They went home well satisfied, having seen a great battle. The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Fernandez, who usually starts slowly, fooled even his staunchest backers by going out for the kill from the very first round. Before the fight was a minute old, he exploded a terrific right on Moran's jaw. As it later proved, this punch was the deciding factor in the fight. Moran went down as if struck by lightning, but got up at eight.

The only other knockdown of the fight came in the 7th round. The round started out like the others with Fernandez doing most of the leading and most of the damage. Then suddenly he unleashed a right which caught Moran coming in. It was the same blow which floored the Mexican in the first. Moran went down and came up after a nine count. A half dozen hard rights and lefts landed solidly in rapid succession on Moran's jaw. Moran's guard fell. He was helpless and only the ropes held him up. The referee wisely interceded, awarding the fight to Fernandez.

Frank Fernandez weighed in at 140¾ to Nick Moran's 139⅛ for this fight.

Other results: In the 5 round semi-final, Val Valentine, 120¼, decisioned Eddie Reyes, 119¼.

Freddy Silvano, 125⅞, took a close one over Johnny Perry, 123, in 5 rounds.

Robert Takeshita, 140⅜, TKO'ed Mariano Canales, 137½, in the 2nd of a 4 rounder. This was Robert's 9th straight kayo win.

Walter Kahookele, 137⅜, knocked out Jimmy Joseph, 130, in the 3rd round of a 4 round fight.

In the 4 round opener Richard Montiho, 142, former amateur making his debut, knocked out Eddie Ross, 150½, in the 2nd round.

Featured on the Sept. 23rd fight at the Civic Auditorium, Richard Shinn, 135¾, Korean scrapper from San Francisco, easily decisioned Lou Bernal, 131, Los Angeles Mexican, in eight rounds. Shinn, who has already built his reputation here by winning three previous fights, toyed with Bernal, who came here erroneously touted as the lightweight champion of Mexico and showed nothing but an innate ability to absorb blows. The turnaway crowd of 5312 fans paid $10,514.25 to see the mill. The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Other results: In the five-round semi-final, Billy Gibson, 130¾, San Francisco, decisioned Joe Colon, 126¾.

Slim Suzuki, 126¼, was held to a draw by Johnny Perry, 123¼, in five rounds.

Llewellyn Strohlin, 141⅞, decisioned Tommy Lee, 151⅝, in four rounds.

Walter Kahookele, 138⅞, won his fifth straight fight at the expense of veteran Eddie Salazar, 139⅞, in four rounds.

Only 2366 fans, who paid $4730.75, witnessed the September 28 bouts at the Honolulu Stadium. In the ten-round main event, Gene Ronstadt, 145, scored a mild upset by gaining the decision over Terry Gibson, 142⅞, who was making his local debut. One reason for the poor turnout is due to the miserable performance many of the imported fighters have given here in previous fights.

Other results: Andy Kim, 145¾, won a clean-cut decision over Butch O'Hara, 145¾, in six rounds.

Tsuneshi Maruo, 123, K.O.'ed Johnny Rego, 124, in the second.

Tommy Umeda, 126⅞, decisioned Louis Rodrigues, 132, in four rounds.

Eddie Ocasio, 144⅛, and Johnny Johnson, 147⅞, fought four rounds to a draw.

Al Schaff promoted the fight.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA
By FRANKLIN E. WHAITE

OSCAR CALLES, undefeated featherweight champion of Venezuela, gained another recent victory at the expense of Emilio Sanchez (Kid Barquerito), of the Dominican Republic, in Caracas, before 10,000 fans. The gate was one of the best in the last six years—55 thousand bolivars or $18,315 at the present rate of exchange.

Kid Barquerito is featherweight and lightweight champion of the Dominican Republic. He weighed 133 as against 127½ by Calles. Barquerito plans to go to the States.

This is the only fight that Barquerito has lost in Caracas out of five engagements. He beat ex-featherweight champion Silvestre Almeida, Oscar Calles, Luis Monagas, ex-welterweight champ, and drew with José Alberto Diaz, lightweight.

Bob Carrillo, Peruvian lightweight, has won two and drawn one bout in Caracas . . . Columbian double-champ, (featherweight and lightweight) Baby Garcia, has three victories and one defeat in this capital. The upset was at the hands of local bantam titleholder Fidel Garcia, who recently appeared in Havana and was knocked out by Luis Galvani, Cuba's champ . . . René Sánchez, from Cuba, is in Caracas, after being defeated in Maracaibo by Kid Charol (Rafael Valdez), in ten rounds.

Local active promoters are Oscar Ibarra and León Figueroa. . . They work together . . . Also Pedro Diaz puts on frequent programs. The latter is importing two Mexicans this month—one for Oscar Calles and another for José Alberto Diaz, a most promising lightweight . . . They are Pedro Aguilar and Tony Guadalajara.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

HERE are the latest boxing results:

In September, Promoter George Whitehead staged a daylight boxing card at the Mucurapo Stadium. The main bout of 10 rounds was between Carlos Perez, Middleweight Champion of Central America, and Ansell Baba Adams, South Trinidad K.O. artist, and ended in a points decision for Perez.

Adams scaled 181 to Perez's 167 pounds.

In the semi-final, also 10 rounds, the long awaited clash between Baby Face Daniel, unbeaten and uncrowned bantamweight champion of Trinidad and Young Abrigo, fly and bantamweight champion of British Guiana, ended in a narrow points victory for Baby Face. The clever B.G. boy fought well, but Baby Face scored many terrific clouts to the head.

The weights were, Baby Face Daniel, 119½; Young Abrigo, 114.

The opening bout also scheduled for 10 rounds, ended suddenly in the 4th when Young Fearless Freddy, 130¼, continued on his winning streak by kayoing George Pilgrim, 132.

Jota Jota Hernandez has signed to meet Gentle Daniel in a return at the Mucurapo Stadium next month. Young Abrigo would also like to get a return crack at Baby Face Daniel.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

TEX SALKELD, Portland, Oregon, matchmaker for the National Boxing Club, is giving the Rose City fight fans some action-laden fistic festivals. Tex always strives to please the fans who pay the freight, and the fighters who do the heavy work.

Gene Mason, Vancouver, B.C., boxing promoter, is showing twice monthly in the Canadian City and always comes out with some corking good fistic programs. Mr. Mason is highly thought of among the fighters, managers, and fans alike.

Eddie Powell, a corking good Negro 175 pound boy out of Seattle, has left for California with his hustling manager, Bill Garbirino. Powell for several weeks trained at the Amundsen Gym, and was in good shape when he departed.

Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion, now on a wrestling tour of the Northwest, recently paid a visit to the Amundsen training quarters. Da Preem had a glimpse of Tacoma's 17-year-old, 185 pound Dave Davey, and was quite pleased over the youngster's fistic ability.

Shopworn Tony Olivera, California bantamweight, showed recently at Spokane, Washington, before a small crowd of two thousand fans. Olivera won a close ten round call over Jackie Turner, Canadian 117 pounder.

Will Maylon, Tacoma boxing promoter for eight years, has given up his fistic license due to pressed real estate business. Will did a bang up promoting job while in the boxing business, made many friends among the boxing boys due to his square shooting, but just couldn't find time to continue with his fistic venture. Several applications are on file with the Washington State Athletic Commission for the license, and no doubt something will develop soon for another club in Tacoma.

Mel Epstein, Seattle's hustling fight matchmaker, plans on centering his future attention in the development of youngsters for prospective top bout performers. Mel knows the boxing business and can be expected to uncover some likely looking youngsters in his new plans.

A letter received recently from Al "Cat Fish" Bourgeois, Westwego, La., stating that the aggressive Al is keeping busy on cards in New Orleans and Texas rings. Al may get a mix with Jackie Carrelua in a top billing in Memphis, Tenn. Al was stationed at near by Fort Lewis, Wash., and put in several training sessions at the Amundsen gymnasium while stationed at the big army base.

BOXING IN HALIFAX, N. S.
By COLIN FAULKNER

WILLIAM TORDIGLIONE, 147, Boston, Mass., and Al Evans, 146, Newport, R. I., had their purses held up by the Halifax Athletic Commission because neither made an attempt to fight in their scheduled bout at the Arena. The $1080, their purse, will be distributed to charitable institutions.

The supporting bouts were satisfactory:—

George Ross, 150, New Waterford, N. S., won a technical knockout in the third over Courtney Graham, 152, Saint John, N. B.

John "Kid" Howard, 130¼, Halifax, N. S., battered Isaac Thomas, 128, Pictou Landing, N. S., all over the ring in their six rounds to win a decision over the smoothly moving Indian.

Richard Moore, 124, Halifax, N. S., outpointed Leonard "Boom-Boom" Ryan, 125½, New Waterford, N. S., in the four-round curtain-raiser.

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CECIL HUDSON tossed the boxing book at Jimmy Sherrer to win a ten round decision at the Auditorium. 4680 fans paid a gross gate of $13,550 to see the setto. Hudson's experience plus a rapier like left had Jimmy puzzled at times. In close, Hudson was also tops, shaking Sherrer up with right uppercuts. What Sherrer lacked in experience he made up in effort and his continual aggressiveness sent the fans home satisfied that they had seen a great scrap. Hudson weighed 150; Sherrer, 149½.

In the prelims, Alvin Jordan, 137½, Milwaukee, decisioned Al Gomez, 134¼, Chicago, eight rounds. The bout was a repetition of their first meeting with Jordan winning all the way. Johnny Roszina, 147½, Milwaukee, won over Tommy James, 150, Chicago, 6. Marty Marshall, 168½, Detroit, kayoed Vicie Van, 169½, Milwaukee, 1:30 of round two. Bob Flannigan, 158¼, Detroit, beat George Feltes, 152½, Milwaukee, 6.

Referees, Ted Jamieson, Ray Burns. Judges, Owen Murphy and Gilbert Jackson. Timekeepers, John Eisenmann and Dr. B. B. Busby.

Skippy Tobin, blond proprietor of the Fun House, has a likely prospect in Marty Marshall. He is tall and rangy, boxes well and carts TNT in either mitt.

Taking advice from his friends, Vicie Van, whose heavy fisted attack has thrilled the fans, has decided to quit and devote his entire time to business.

Charley Parham, 147¼, Wisconsin welterweight champion, won at the Anditorium when he defeated Artie Brown, 150, of Chicago, in ten slashing rounds. It was the second victory for the Walnut Street Bull over the Chicagoan in three starts. One was a knockout, the other ended in a draw.

After fighting one of his best fights Parham was suspended for six months for telling a lie. It all happened after the fight when Parham told Fred Saddy, secretary of the boxing commission, Dr. Bert Busby, timekeeper, and Len Kenny, commission inspector, that gamblers had offered him $1000 to throw the fight. Saddy turned over the evidence to District Attorney Wm. McCauley. Parham repeated the story to McCauley, only to deny it the next day. The following day Parham's mental gymnastics took another somersault and went back to the original story in which he named the gamblers. After swearing out warrants for the gamblers, McCauley would not serve them because he said he did not believe the court could arrive at the truth and tossed the case back into the lap of the boxing commission. The commission decided to give Parham a six months vacation, without pay.

Matchmaker George Frank had one of the best fight cards of the season. In the prelims Charley Busalacchi, 149½, Milwaukee, kayoed Roy Lewis, 144, Muncie, Ind., two. Gene Joyce, 137, Gary, TKO'ed Charley Pope, 145, Milwaukee, two (cut eye). Elverse Tonsell, 144, Gary, defeated Tommy James, 147½, Chicago. Tommy Varsas, 151½, Milwaukee, kayoed Mickey Wilson, 141¼, Chicago, three.

Referees, Julius Fidler and Earl Olson. Judges, Ownie Murphy and Les De Camara. Timekeepers, John Eisenmann and Dr. B. B. Busby. Gross gate $6,100.

The Joyce brothers, Willie and Jimmy, have a younger brother Gene. He was terrific against Charley Pope. He is tallest of the brothers and critics predict he cannot miss national acclaim.

It's now ten knockouts in 11 starts for Charley Busalacchi. Fans have nicknamed him Rocky, after Graziano. He sure can sock with that right.

Tommy Bell, 148½, Youngstown, O., defeated Cecil Hudson, 150, of Los Angeles, Cal., on Sept. 27. Bell went all out for a knockout in the first two rounds, seemed to tire, which gave Hudson a chance to catch up, but got his second wind about the sixth and really put on steam in the last two rounds to cart home the bacon. Bell's blocking and checking of the catlike Hudson's punches before they got started was a revelation. Referee Dauber Jaeger scored it 6-5; Judges Ownie Murphy 5-5 and Gillie Jackson 5-3.

In the prelims, Jimmy Sherrer, 148, Milwaukee, kayoed Pat Giordano, 153½, Ottawa, Canada, 2:31 of round three. Robert Earl, 142½, Chicago, defeated Benny Madison, 142, Detroit, 6. Johnny Roszina, 146½, Milwaukee, beat Buster Miles, 141¼, Indianapolis, six. Lee Cat Carter, 170, Indianapolis, kayoed John Heinowski, 176½, Milwaukee, 1:16 of round three.

Gross receipts, $13,200. Referees, Dauber Jaeger and Ted Jamieson; Judges, Gilbert Jackson and Ownie Murphy; Timekeepers, John Eisenmann and Dr. B. B. Busby; Examining Physician, Wm. Murphy.

Charley Nevada, director of the Golden Gloves tournament for the Milwaukee *Journal*, has closed the gymnasium for remodeling. The *Journal* will spend $3000 on the job to get the gym ready for the coming tournament. Due to the numerous entries, Nevada said, instead of four nights used in the past, six nights would be necessary to complete the Tournament.

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AKRON, OHIO, BOXING

By TOMMY MAXWELL

AS predicted by the writer last month the Akron Boxing Commission has ironed out the boxing war of promoters here. From now on the two clubs will alternate every other week, giving Akron fans a fight show every week and two wrestling shows weekly, with another wrestling club threatening to operate weekly. There is a vast difference in opinions as to whether this city can support such a program with financial success to all concerned. It's the writer's opinion that Akron is a large enough city for one boxing show a week. But both promoters will have to offer stellar attractions.

The Heath-Hannison combine staged a great show featuring Chuck Hunter vs. Sammy Baroudi. This pair of middleweights staged an old time brawl, never stopping for the entire ten rounds. The decision was a draw but the majority of the fans thought Baroudi had an edge as did Referee Eddie Atlas. The two judges voted a draw.

In the 8 round semi-final Freddie Bernhart and Chet Martin, local lighties, staged a thriller with Martin copping the decision after an uphill battle. Martin finished the stronger and scored a no-count knock-down.

In the main prelim Eddie Elton kept up his winning ways by stopping George Eschman in 1 round.

In other bouts: classy Art Kimmell of Pittsburgh won over Larry Janke and Dominick Mancuso KO'ed Bobby Earhart in 5.

The Moore-Mallo combine offered Billy Miller of Pittsburgh against Harry Hart in their main bout. Hart belted Miller out in the 1st round. Hart was just too good. Eddie Elton again scored a quick KO, this time over the veteran Izzy "Mutt" Schwartz in 1 round. Mel Reed, Akron, made his pro debut a successful one with a clean cut win over tough Alex Como. Willie Williams and Tommy Bracken staged a good 6 round melee. With Elton the only real drawing card on the show it fell far short on attendance.

The H and H club came right back with a whale of a main bout when Dave Marsh knocked out Chet Martin in the 6th. Both Akron boys staged a great fight, but Marsh was the master. Martin was far from disgraced as he proved to be game to the core. He was simply outclassed.

In the semi-final, Shamus O'Brian won over Henry Jones in 8.

Jerome Frazier had little trouble stopping Charles Eschman in three.

The veteran Mike Gamiere tried a comeback in the opener and copped the decision over Dave Bruce. In another prelim Art Kimmell lost to Tony Brush in a close one.

At Canton, Ohio, Vince Turpin, Canton welter, KO'ed Art Shipley in 2 rounds. Eddie Bell, another Canton welter, won over Phil Smith in 6. John Lester scored a 2 round KO over Henry Mitchell. Ira Turpin, brother of Vince, lost to Bobby Root, and Snooky Bryant KO'ed Jimmy Wills in 2.

Charlie Riggs, picked by THE RING Magazine as a prospect of the month, lived up to that boost by winning over Cy Ellison on the Jake LaMotta-Bob Satterfield card at Chicago, Ill., and then winning over Allen Small of Indianapolis in ten rounds at Johnstown, Pa., in a thriller.

Eddie Elton looks like he is going places. He has KO's in his last three bouts. The Akron middleweight likes to fight and always gives the best he has. He is being handled by Don Hale and Jimmy Rice, developers of Akron's best amateurs. They recently turned another comer pro in Mel Reed, good junior welter.

Harris "Pat" Patrick is having great success with his amateur shows, running every Monday night. He is introducing the best in Northern Ohio against Akron boys. Pat packs them in and the action is terrific. Already some of these kids are shaping up as great pro prospects.

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NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By JAZZ ADLER

BOXING in Seattle and vicinity is certainly picking up these days with the Kosmos A. C. promoting shows weekly in the Civic Auditorium.

At the present time at the uptown gymnasium located at 2030 Fifth Ave., plans are being made to put another regulation size ring in the gym and also two more punching bag platforms. Forty or more fighters are now training in the building and with an influx of scrappers daily arriving in Seattle it is quite likely that other cities will open up in the near future. Mickey Connelly already is running shows in Everett semi-monthly. Mike Stankovich, veteran junior welterweight, has been making his headquarters in Seattle the past five months as has Billy Tierney, of Cleveland. George Chemeres, local sportsman, has a fine fighter in young Johnny Wells who has headlined several cards with marked success. Billy Nixon, Philadelphia welterweight, has appeared in Seattle as has Top Row Allen, Lincoln Stanley, Babe Picazo, Art Lind, Leo Turner, Bobby Castro, Frankie Gimbel and of course the local scrappers such as Tierney, Powell, Stankovich and Wells.

Gene Mason is promoting semi-monthly shows in Vancouver, B. C., and drawing good gates. Arnold Bertram, Joe Martin and Al Greenberg are handling fighters in the Canadian city.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

FIVE eight-rounders were presented at the Zivic Arena, and in the top spot, Zivic's San Antonio protege, Johnny Villanova, met Sammy Angott's Washington, Pa., protege, Al Gaulteri, and Gaulteri emerged the victor.

Neither boy had ever fought eight rounds before and Angott's fledgling seemed to have just a little more zip than likeable little Johnny who tired very fast in the late rounds. The early rounds saw both boys trying hard for a kayo, but they were evenly matched, and the bout went the distance. Gaulteri weighed 131; Villanova, 130.

Bolton Ford, 137, Homestead, Pa., won a split decision over Allen Thomas, 138, Pittsburgh. Thomas was favored in this bout, but the always dangerous Ford just wouldn't let him take the play away and the determined underdog wound up the victor in a very pleasing bout.

The third eight-rounder saw Navy veteran, Pete Spotti, 150, Cecil, Pa., and Cab Calloway, 149, Pittsburgh, fight eight slashing rounds to a draw. These two lads threw everything they had at each other and the fans were satisfied with the draw verdict.

Good looking, sharp punching Ralph Freedman, 175, West View, Pa., avenged a recent upset by Jackie Lyons, 175, Latrobe, Pa., by punching out a good victory in eight pleasing rounds.

Henry Smith, 167, Charleroi, Pa., easily outpointed Russ Baxter, 165, New Castle, Pa., in the opening eight. This bout resembled an alley brawl, with both contestants being warned repeatedly for resorting to foul tactics.

Erv Sarlin, local heavyweight, has been busy this summer upsetting leading heavyweights. His victory over Pat Comiskey at Forbes Field was an impressive one.

Sarlin fought in his usual crouching style, piling up the majority of his points on the inside. It was amazing how Erv was able to slide in under the long left arm of the taller, rangier, but much slower Paterson, N. J., belter. Occasionally Sarlin switched his attack to the head. Erv succeeded in opening a cut over Comiskey's left eye that bothered Pat for the greater part of the contest. There was little doubt that busy Erv was the winner of a none too pleasing bout. Sarlin weighed 183; Comiskey, 214.

This contest was the feature attraction on an all-star show presented by the Rooney-McGinley Club. The entire card consisted of three tens and a four round opener.

The second ten rounder was action-packed from start to finish, featuring two of the most pleasing out of town fighters that have appeared here in recent months. Gene Burton, lightning-fast, hard punching New Yorker, threw everything he had at the very capable Dorsey Lay of Philadelphia, but couldn't knock him out, much less off his feet, and had to be content with a unanimous decision. This was a thrilling bout that progressed in see-saw fashion with first one, and then the other boy forging into the lead.

In the late rounds, however, Burton proved to be the stronger of the two and his devastating body attack slowed up the always dangerous Dorsey Lay. Burton weighed 141; Dorsey Lay, 137.

The first ten saw Dave Clark of Toledo, Ohio, apparently outpoint the local favorite, Ossie Harris, yet lose the contest when the officials voted Harris the winner by a unanimous verdict. The decision was booed long and lustily.

Clark kept Ossie off balance most of the time while Harris was content to counterpunch. In the late rounds, however, Ossie took the lead and looked good as the contest drew to a close. Clark fought a stand-off fight and ignored the pleadings of Ossie to come inside and mix it. Harris weighed 163; Clark, 160.

Jackie Armitage, 148, New Kensington, Pa., floored Jiggs Donahue, 151, Philadelphia, Pa., for a nine count in the second round and went on to win the unanimous decision in the four round curtain raiser.

Charley (Young) Zivic did it again. The popular young protege of Fritzie Zivic won the nod over rugged Sammy Adragna for the second time in six weeks at Zivic Arena, with the contest and the results of the rematch being almost identically the same as their first encounter.

As in the first fight, Zivic took the early rounds, Adragna the middle rounds, and Zivic catching his second wind, finished strong to forge ahead by a shade as the bout drew to a close. The voting was close. Judge Willie Davies voted 5 rounds each, but favored Adragna. Judge Freddie Lux voted 5 rounds for Zivic, 4 rounds for Adragna, and one even. Referee Buck McTiernan also voted 5 for Zivic, 4 for Adragna, and 1 even.

Zivic weighed 150, Adragna, 146.

Harold Hazlett, 176, Alliquippa, Pa., made short work of Billy Weeks, 172, Huntington, W. Va., by scoring a knockout in 1:40 of round two of a scheduled six round semi-final.

Willie Huff, 181, Clairton, Pa., floored Howdie Mason, 183, Beaver Falls, Pa., five times before knocking him out in one minute 45 seconds of the sixth round of a scheduled six.

Jumping Joe Barrone, 122, local Golden Gloves Champion, making his pro debut, dropped Johnny Proten, 118, Huntington, W. Va., twice, then kayoed him in 1:52 in round two of a listed four.

Classy Richie Callura, 135, Pittsburgh, copped the unanimous decision over Jesse Glenn, 143, Pittsburgh, in four rounds; and Tommy Cardyn, 160, Pittsburgh, kayoed Jackie Copeland, 160, Pittsburgh, in 2:54 of the third.

Juste Fontaine looked like the Fontaine of old as he floored tough Billy Bates, local lightweight, twice for nine counts in the third round and knocked him out in 2:33 of the fourth of their scheduled ten round feature attraction bout at Zivic's Arena.

Bates, a terrific puncher, rocked the Milwaukee lad several times; but Fontaine, in perfect condition, made short work of Bates and thereby regained much of his fading local prestige. Fontaine weighed 135; Bates, 128.

Speedy Williams, 183, Pittsburgh, scored an upset by defeating Jackie Lyons, 173, Latrobe, Pa., in the six round semi-final. Williams kept the rugged, former Army Air Corps Lieutenant off balance, never allowing him to get set.

Pete Spotti, 151, Cecil, Pa., kayoed Rosey Pope Johnston, 155, Pittsburgh, in 2:19 of round three of a slated six, and Alex Arella, 163, McKeesport, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Joey Mattis, 161, Charleroi, Pa., in four rounds. Lou Atterbury, 160, San Antonio, Texas, stopped Gene Chichetti, 163, Pittsburgh, in 2:23 of the second round when the referee halted the contest due to Chichetti's badly cut left eye.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

THE fall boxing season is under full swing in the Twin Cities with Tony Stecher's Club and the Capital City Boxing Club operating.

George Galving, in St. Paul Park, stages amateur shows every month, drawing good houses.

Newton Scott and Jimmie Egan, the promoters in South St. Paul, also are staging shows featuring boys from the Twin Cities.

Fred Ford, promising heavyweight, lost his first fight down in Omaha to Pancho De Vera Cruz, a good Mexican heavyweight.

Parson Jack Tierney, the coach at the Unity House of Minneapolis, has a fine lot of amateurs this season. The Old Parson has been around the boxing game a long time.

Carl Ford, a good featherweight before the war, is back in training.

Dick Bigley, promising welterweight from St. Paul, has been winning regularly.

Wally Hyde is the promoter of amateur shows in Redwood Falls, Minn.

John Fogarty from Belle Plaine, is the matchmaker for the Knights of Columbus Club and draws well.

Jack MacDowell, former referee, is now a sports writer for two magazines and a weekly paper in the Twin Cities.

Potts Gym in Minneapolis is a busy place these days. Over in St. Paul at Weller Gym, on 319 Robert St., there is new equipment with two rings. About 50 fighters work out daily—pros and amateurs.

Would like to hear from boxers and managers who have fighters who can fight, to appear on the cards in St. Paul.

Les Johnson, Minneapolis fight manager, is busy with his good welterweight, Howard Bleyhl, from Madison, Minn. Johnson is also the matchmaker for the Willmar, Minn., Boxing Club. His address is Potts Gym, Minneapolis, Minn.

Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle is packing them in at his tavern in Stillwater, Minn. Brother Mike is there watching the cash register.

Gene Fredrickson, North St. Paul lightweight, has been fighting on cards in the northwest.

Send in your news for this column to Billy Colbert, 133 W. 7th St., St. Paul.

NORTH DAKOTA FLASHES
By DARWIN GOMER

JESSE WILSON, North Dakota middleweight flash has been receiving plenty of action throughout the midwest. Besides boxing in Bismarck rings, young Wilson has appeared in Minneapolis, Tulsa, Sioux City, and Omaha rings. His best fights to date were with Don Espensen of Minneapolis and Wayne Armstrong of Newcastle, Nebr. At the present time, Wilson is this state's lone pro representative in these parts. Johnny Gates, the Wahpeton lightheavy, was last heard of boxing out around Portland, Oregon, with success. The big Indian left-hook artist is a kayo puncher from way back.

Mike Kleber, former Melrose, Minn., amateur lightweight, lost the sight of his left eye during the war. Don Espensen, former Minneapolis Golden Gloves champion and pro boxer, is now a resident of St. Paul, and is working nights as a bouncer at the Capitol Tavern on Rice Street. The clever ex-middleweight fought Dick Demaray and Jesse Wilson several times here in North Dakota.

Darwin Gomer, your erstwhile correspondent, has been commissioned an investigator for the U. S. Government.